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GREEKS ROUT ITALIAN ELEVENTH ARMY ON A 30-MILE WIDE SECTOR

LONDON, Feb. 16 (REUTER).—GREEK TROOPS COMPLETELY ROUTED THE ITALIAN ELEVENTH ARMY ON THE 30-MILE WIDE MOSCOPOLIS-TEPELINI SECTOR OF THE ALBANIAN FRONT YESTERDAY AND LAST NIGHT, ACCORDING TO REPORTS RECEIVED TODAY BY "REUTER'S" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT ON THE ALBANIAN FRONTIER.

GERMAN WARNING TO TURKEY

BASLE, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—A warning to Turkey that she is "no longer master of the Balkans as she was 30 years ago" has been given in authoritative German circles, according to the Berlin correspondent of the "Basle Nachrichten".

The same circles stress that Germany's relations with Greece are still unchanged.

The correspondent adds that the Wilhelmstrasse is still most reserved concerning the present German-Yugo-Slav conversations, but the traditional friendship between the two countries is emphasised.

U.S. ARMY EXPANSION

—3,000,000
WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (Domei).—Military authorities disclosed that the Army Department has started a survey with a view to expanding the Army to more than three million men in case of emergency.

Sites for additional camps and cantonments are being surveyed all over the country. Thus an army of 1,418,000 men contemplated by June could quickly be doubled in size if such a step was necessary.

U.S. Consulates In Italy

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (Domei).—The State Department announced that the closing of the United States Consulate offices at Naples and Palermo was being considered, at the request of the Italian Government.

The announcement said that action has not yet been taken. However, it is probable that the Consulate officials of these two posts would be withdrawn.

Shelling of Genoa

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—Italian casualties in the British bombardment of Genoa on February 9, according to the official Italian news agency, totalled 143 killed and 272 injured.

Situation is Grave: No Cause for Alarm

SYDNEY, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—"Although the situation is grave, I see nothing that need alarm or even seriously disturb a resolute people."

This statement was made in a broadcast by the Attorney General and Navy Minister, Mr. W. M. Hughes, to-day.

Mr. Hughes said that the joint statement by the Acting Prime Minister and the Opposition Leader last week seriously disturbed the Australian people and may even have made them a little nervous. Mr. Hughes added: "This will pass."

Japanese Declaration
TOKYO, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—Japan's advance to the south has been spurred on by the British and American policy of aiding the Chungking regime and antagonising Japan, declares the newspaper, "Nichi Nichi Shimbun". It continues: "Britain and Aus-

Two thousand prisoners are reported to have been taken, together with a large quantity of war material, including arms and light artillery. Reports state that the R.A.F. and Greek air force greatly contributed to the success of the operations. The daring and skill of the British and Greek airmen have created the greatest enthusiasm among the Greek land forces.

The Greeks claim to have made another big drive in the gorges of Predesinje mountains, thus creating a deep wedge in the Italian front between Klisura and Tepelini on the centre of the battle-front.

Vichy's Big Three

Notorious Leader

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—It is reported from Vichy that the new government re-organisation will place virtually all state powers in the hands of a military triumvirate comprising Marshal Petain, Admiral Darlan and General Huntziger.

Cabinet Meeting

VICHY, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The French Cabinet met this afternoon under Marshal Petain. It discussed questions concerning the production of raw material and unemployment and family life, it was stated.

M. Peyrou's resignation as Minister of the Interior and his appointment as French Ambassador to the Argentine were officially announced here this afternoon. His official duties, it was added, have been transferred to Admiral Darlan.

Eugene Deloncle

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—Eugene Deloncle, who was the leader of the notorious Cagoulards in 1937, is now head of the new Nazi-inspired French Party, Rassemblement National Populaire, says a message to the Independent French news agency.

Deloncle was the first man to be arrested when the Fascist rising by the Cagoulards was nipped in the bud three years ago. He was charged with stirring German and Italian arms in readiness for an attempt at insurrection against the Popular Front Government then in power.

Mission To South America

CARACAS, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The British Mission which has been visiting Latin America under the leadership of Lord Willingdon has concluded a five-day visit to Venezuela, during which its members were guests of the Government and were lavishly entertained by the many friends of Britain's cause.

The Mission also had a series of conferences with Government officials and leaders of commerce and economic life.

The Mission has expressed satisfaction with the results achieved and the universal sympathy it has encountered for the cause of the Allies.

Greek pursuit of the enemy continues.

A duel with occasional artillery fire is reported from the extreme northern sector of the front where extensive Italian troop movements have been noted, probably in order to relieve these front-line detachments with fresh troops in preparation for attempts to stiffen resistance.

Italians Desperate

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—"The Greek offensive in Albania is proceeding according to the plans of the Greek High Command," and news from the front is good," stated the Athens radio to-night.

The announcer continued: "Success has crowned the offensive action of the Greek Army at all points of the front where it was undertaken. More fortified points were captured as the result of spirited attacks by our troops and all objectives were attained."

"One of the fortified positions wrested from the enemy was of such vital importance that the Italian High Command ordered a desperate counter-attack to recapture it. A large Italian force was thrown into this action, but in vain. The result was a disaster for the Italians who sustained very heavy losses in killed and wounded, including many officers."

Heavy Loss of Men

"A further Greek advance was made for a considerable distance into enemy territory. Some Italian detachments participating in this counter-attack lost four-fifths of their effectives."

"The Italians, becoming desperate because of the new Greek offensive, are vainly struggling to stem the rising tide of destruction. At one point they tried to break through the Greek lines in darkness but the withering fire of the Greeks forced the Italians to retreat after terrible losses."

Malayan Warning To Ships

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announces the mining of the sea covering the eastern entrance of the Straits of Singapore.

Vessels wishing to pass through the area must apply to the British naval authority for a route.

The area affected is bounded on the north by Lat. 2 deg. 44 mins. north; on the east, by Long. 104 deg. 30 mins. east; on the south, by Lat. 1 deg. 35 mins. north; on the west, by the coast of Malaya.

British Lose Flying Boat

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The British flying boat "Clyde" was sunk in the River Tagus at Lisbon yesterday during a hurricane which swept the Portuguese capital, it is learned in London.

The Clyde was recently employed in the West African service of British Airways.

Ex-King Alfonso's Condition

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—A bulletin issued in Rome this evening states that ex-King Alfonso's condition has not worsened during the past 24 hours and that he has passed a fairly quiet day.

HOPKINS REPORTS Famous First Words

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—"I don't think Hitler can lick the British" were the first words of Mr. Harry Hopkins when he arrived here to-day by clipper on his return from Europe.

He added: "The English are as tough a crowd as I think there is. With the help of this country, there is no question but that England will win the war and it is not going to be a stalemated war."

Mr. Hopkins declared that the British needed "a lot of help" and said that he felt sure that they would get it.

Mr. Hopkins plans to report to President Roosevelt in Washington to-night.

FOOD for U.K. Americans Take Up New Cry

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—A nation-wide appeal to President Roosevelt to take steps necessary to ensure Britain's food supplies is being organised.

A letter to Mr. Roosevelt already signed by over 100 prominent Americans, after declaring that the American people overwhelmingly agree with the President's statement that America must become the arsenal of democracy, proceeds:

"The gallant garrisons of democracy may need more than arms; they may need food."

"Hitler's boasts of submarine sinkings to date are only a foretaste of what is to come soon. Men no matter how brave, in order to fight viciously on land, sea and in the air must know that starvation cannot threaten the homes they are defending. It is within our power to see that such a threat does not materialise."

Conquered Peoples

The letter says that conquered peoples "whose food is being stolen from them to feed the German armies with occupation" can be helped only by being freed from the yoke of the oppressor, but Americans can see to it that their only hope of liberation is not destroyed as it would be if the British Isles should be reduced through starvation.

The signatories ask the President to take such steps as may be necessary to make us not only the arsenal but the larder of democracy."

Nazi & Bulgarian Leaders To Meet

BASLE, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—A meeting between the German and Bulgarian leaders is expected shortly, says the "National Zeitung" Berlin correspondent. He adds that political and diplomatic circles believe that important decisions are imminent.

Danube Packed With Ice

VICHY, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—Large masses of ice in the Danube below Budapest have caused an extremely critical situation in certain districts where the water is already level with the top of the protective dykes, says a Budapest despatch.

Hungarian troops with 10,000 sandbags are striving to stem the threatened floods and are preparing to blow up the ice with dynamite.

EAST AFRICA Keren Attack Grows Stronger

CAIRO, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The concentration of additional troops about Keren in Eritrea is proceeding satisfactorily while the advance of the northern column continues, says a British G.H.Q. communique.

The British have re-occupied the frontier post of Kurmuk, in Abyssinia, and in Italian Somaliland operations continue for the development of the British success at Kismayu.

Kurmuk Retaken

CAIRO, Feb. 16 (UP).—The re-occupation of Kurmuk, 300 miles south-east of Kharoum, ousted the Italians from their last frontier post in Sudanese territory. The Italians are now retreating over the Abyssinian border.

In Eritrea, the British northern column is reported to have advanced more than half way to Keren, midway between Nakfa and Kurmuk. Indications that the British are bringing up reinforcements for a final assault on Keren were given in to-day's communique.

We Take 10,000 sq. Miles

NAIROBI, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—With the occupation of Kismayu, the whole of the south-western portion of Italian Somaliland, up to the line of the Juba River, is now over-run by British troops.

Approximately 10,000 square miles of enemy territory, an area greater than Wales, have fallen into British hands.

Units of the British Navy are co-operating by bombing enemy concentrations on the coast.

On the northern sector, South African units have made further progress and numerous friendly natives have welcomed the advancing troops. The natives complained of bad treatment, such as the forcible removal of their wives, children and stock by the Italians.

Aid Britain Bill

Probable Request

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—Administrative leaders hint that President Roosevelt will probably request \$1,000,000,000 in appropriations and contract authority to build planes, ships, tanks, guns and munitions immediately the Aid Britain Bill is approved.

It is predicted that the Senate, which begins to debate the Bill to-morrow, will approve the measure with some amendments within a fortnight. A comfortable majority of votes in favour is expected.

R.A.F. Continues Its "Blitz" On Rhodes

CAIRO, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. "blitz" on the Dodecanese island of Rhodes continued on Friday night, it was revealed to-day. Switching again from aerodrome targets, heavy bombers carried out a second attack on the harbour installations.

Bombs fell among the buildings at Lindos harbour and started a number of fires.

The "blitz" is now in its second week.

R.A.F. co-operation in the Greek offensive yesterday also included offensive patrols in the Tepelini area, according to a communique issued here.

Western Ruhr, Boulogne, Calais And Rotterdam Bombed by R.A.F.

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—Objectives in the Western Ruhr were the main targets of a considerable attack by British bombers last night, says the Air Ministry. The targets included oil installations in an inland port and aerodromes.

A large number of high explosive bombs were seen to explode in the target areas, causing many large fires.

The port of Rotterdam was also attacked. Bombs were seen to burst in the dock area.

Other bombers carried out a successful sustained routine attack on docks at Boulogne and many large fires were started.

From all these operations, two British aircraft are missing.

Conical Command aircraft also raided the docks at Calais last night without loss.

From other operations, of the Conical Command yesterday, three British aircraft are missing.

Nazis Lose 12 Planes

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—During the week ending midnight on February 15, twelve German and three British aircraft were destroyed over Britain.

On February 9, three German planes were destroyed; on February 10, one German; on February 12, one German; on February 14, one German and one British; and on February 15, six German and two British.

The British fighter lost on February 14 was the first destroyed in the fighter patrol area since January 4—that is, 41 days.

German Claims

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—According to a German High Command communique, German reconnaissance planes inflicted severe damage on two merchant ships yesterday in the Thames Estuary and in the Humber.

The communique also states that military long-range guns shelled "important military objectives" in south-east England on Friday and Saturday and that German dive-bombers attacked British bases in Cirencester with heavy calibre bombs.

Concerning Saturday night's raids on Britain, the communique says that considerable German bomber formations attacked south-east England, the Midlands and shipping targets.

Several aerodromes are stated to have been set on fire and stationary planes destroyed. Damage was also done to dock installations on the Thames and in a west coast harbour.

Two merchant ships totalling 8,000 tons are stated to have been sunk, another set ablaze, and a light cruiser was hit by a bomb.

The communique continues that attempts by the enemy to fly into occupied territory were repulsed on the coast and two British fighters and three bombers were lost in aerial combat.

British Raids

It adds that a small number of high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped in Western Germany last night by the enemy but no important damage was done.

The communique concludes: "During these flights over German territory and the night attempts to raid occupied territory, German night fighters shot down four planes. One was brought down by A.A. fire. Thus the total loss to the enemy amounted to ten planes. One German plane is missing."

RACES ON TO-DAY

But Going Will Be Heavy and Slow

Postponed from Saturday last because of bad weather, the annual race meeting at Happy Valley opened this morning, the first saddling bell being rung at 11 o'clock.

Additional rain overnight after a dry Sunday has left the course in heavy condition and the going is certain to be slow.

The ponies did not go out for training early this morning.

Chief interest to-day is centred on the trial plates.

Selections

"Captain Foster's" selections for the programme are as follows:

CHALLENGE CUP

Burford
Confusion Bay
Eve of Harvest

SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES (FIRST SECTION)

Sydney Diamond
Araxy II
Strathalbyn

AUSTRIAL VALLEY STAKES

King's Welcome
The Nineteenth Hole
Distant View

SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES (SECOND SECTION)

A Surprising Time
Black Seal
Santa Anita

MAIDEN STAKES

Velvetlight
World Fair View
Eve of Grandeur

AUSTRIAL MAIDEN STAKES

Coloona
First Love
Rattle Decidendi

CORAL HANDICAP

Far View
Sapper
Lancashire Chips

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Hongkong News of the Week

A Page For The Evacuees

Monday

February 10

Situation At Shau-chung. While rumours are current that the Japanese are evacuating Shau-chung, the town off Mui Bay, most Chinese sources agree that the Japanese have remained there, although their garrison has been considerably weakened. The Japanese garrison at Shau-chung is believed to be only 300, most of them having been sent to relieve Tamsui.

It is, however, reliably learned that hundreds of Chinese refugees are landing on the coast at Shau-chung, and facing starvation as their food supplies from Hongkong have been cut and many were prevented by the Japanese from leaving. The Hongkong-Shau-chung ferries have not resumed running.

At Shau-chung and Kweiching the Japanese arrested many guerrilla suspects, including some innocent villagers, Chinese reports allege. Many makeshifts built by transportation companies as temporary godowns were destroyed. Some of the guerrilla suspects were imprisoned by the Japanese at the Wai-chow Restaurant, Shau-chung, and by day they were forced to help the Japanese in rebuilding the damage highways near Shau-chung.

Guerrillas' Success

Chinese sources report that after a counter-attack Chinese troops have reoccupied both Tamsui, north of Mui Bay, and Leong wai along the Canton-Kowloon railway. After the Chinese entry into Tamsui, the Japanese troops, numbering about 1,000 men withdrew to the north.

Prior to the Chinese capture of Tamsui the Japanese last week invaded Wing Woo; but the guerrillas there gave them surprisingly strong resistance, which foiled the advance.

When the Japanese first landed at Mui Bay their original scheme was to occupy Tamsui, Lung Kong, and finally Wai-chow. But after the battle at Tamsui the Japanese found that the Chinese had a stronger force in this sector of the East River zone than they first anticipated. For the reason the 10,000 or so Japanese who had been assembled between Shek-lung and Po On have remained inactive.

An important Japanese army conference was held at Nantau last week in which a Japanese divisional commander from Canton discussed the East River campaign with the commanders at Po On. The same

officer left later for Blas Bay, where he inspected the defences.

Advance from Shum-chun

At Shum-chun the Japanese who advanced north to attack Jing Wu and Wong Kong also found that the Chinese strongly entrenched. During the Japanese retreat from places around Ping Wu they destroyed over 800 houses and shops in the small villages there. At Ping Wu Market, over 80 per cent of the shops were destroyed.

At Kait, another town along the Canton-Kowloon railway, is still being held by the Japanese; but the Chinese who reoccupied Leong are known to be preparing a drive to recapture Po Kat as soon as reinforcements arrive from north Kwantung.

Between Friday and Saturday, villagers at Shau-chung saw Japanese soldiers and wounded being sent to Nantau, en route to Canton.

Since the Japanese landing off Blas Bay, many Chinese transportation companies here with offices in Hongkong are now diverting their goods to Shu-tung, Lung Kong, and Lin Kung, in southern Kwantung, from where the goods are sent to Shu-chun through a more mountainous route. As goods sent by this new route go by launches or junks, they will take several more days to reach their destination in north Kwantung, where large quantities of foreign paper, medicines, and other goods are now being imported from Hongkong. Over 100 such launches and junks are operating between Hongkong, Young Kong and Shu-tung.

Prisoners At Work. Prisoners at Stanley are actively engaged in air raid preparations within the prison walls. Two machines turn out nearly 200 concrete blocks every day for the erection of shelters for the prisoners.

The wartime activities of the prisoners extend beyond the confines of the establishment. Major J. L. Williams, Superintendent of Prisons, confirmed yesterday.

Two acres of land just outside the prison have been cultivated and are now producing vegetables and other agricultural products for prison consumption. At Tytam and in the new military areas large gangs of prisoners are engaged in anti-malaria work, and sometimes this work, which is menial, takes them as far away from Stanley as Cape d'Agulhar.

Tuesday

February 11

Cleaning Up Colony. A completely new Police Regulation, authorising deportation of persons other than natives of the Colony, whether British subjects or not, was promulgated in the Government Gazette. Extraordinary powers are given to the Governor in various grounds on which such deportation can be ordered are set out.

The notification states:

In exercise of the powers conferred on him by the Emergency Powers (Colonial Defence) Order in Council, 1939, and the Emergency Powers (Colonial Defence) (Amendment) Order in Council, 1940, and all other powers enabling him in that behalf, the Governor has made the following regulation which shall be inserted in and shall form part of the Government Regulations, 1940, published in the Government Gazette on 25th June, 1940, as subsequently amended—

(1) If the Governor deems it necessary or expedient in the interests of public safety, defence, or the efficient prosecution of the war, or for the maintenance of supplies and services essential to the life of the community, he may by order direct that any person or persons to whom this regulation applies shall be removed from the Colony.

This regulation shall apply to—

(a) any person, not being a native of the Colony (whereof the proof shall be upon such person), who, whether a British subject or not, is in breach of any enactment, or any order or direction under any enactment, for the time being in force relating to such person, or having entered the Colony, entry or having entered in breach of any enactment, order or direction or any condition attached to such permission;

(b) any person, not being a native of the Colony, who is in breach of any enactment, or any order or direction under any enactment, for the time being in force relating to such person, or having entered the Colony, entry or having entered in breach of any enactment, order or direction or any condition attached to such permission;

(c) any person, not being a native of the Colony, who is in breach of any enactment, or any order or direction under any enactment, for the time being in force relating to such person, or having entered the Colony, entry or having entered in breach of any enactment, order or direction or any condition attached to such permission;

(d) any person, not being a native of the Colony, who is in breach of any enactment, or any order or direction under any enactment, for the time being in force relating to such person, or having entered the Colony, entry or having entered in breach of any enactment, order or direction or any condition attached to such permission;

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(vi) has been deported, banished or expelled from any country or state, or has been deported, banished or expelled from any country or state with a view to his being repatriated;

(vii) is suspected of being likely to promote sedition or to cause a disturbance of public tranquillity;

(viii) cannot show that he has a definite employment or that he has a reasonable prospect of obtaining employment in this Colony;

(ix) is a prostitute or a person living on the earnings of prostitution; or

(x) has entered this Colony and at the time of such entry was not in possession of such certificates as were required under any quarantine regulations then in force.

Competent Authority. Where an order is made under this regulation, the competent authority may give such directions to or in respect of any person affected by the order as may be necessary to secure compliance with it; any such direction may be given orally or in writing and may prescribe the times at which and the routes or vessels, aircraft or vehicles by which persons are to leave the Colony and the persons are to go to.

(4) A competent authority may, to such extent and subject to such restrictions as it thinks proper, delegate all or any of its functions under this regulation to any specified persons or class of persons.

(5) Without prejudice to any other method of enforcement provided in these regulations, an order under this regulation shall be sufficient authority to—

(a) all police officers to arrest and detain any person to whom the order relates for any period not exceeding fourteen days, or such further or extended period as the Governor may in any case determine, pending the removal of such person from this Colony; and

(b) all police officers and to the master and crew of any vessel, the persons in charge of any aircraft or the guards and attendants of any train or other vehicle to use within this Colony and the territorial waters thereof such force and restraint as may be necessary to carry out the order and to enforce the provisions of paragraph (5) shall be deemed to be in lawful custody and shall be detained in such place and under such conditions as the Governor and in accordance with instructions issued by him.

It is also notified that His Excellency the Officer-Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint the Chief Security for the purpose of the above regulation.

New Hospital. A new and up-to-date hospital in the upper level of the hospital at the Grey Level will be opened next week. The chief promoters are Mr. Wai Siu-pak and Dr. T. C. Yip, and several other doctors are also interested in the scheme.

The hospital is at a building of two separate blocks which were formerly residential buildings. The cost of the property and converting it into a hospital was approximately \$220,000.

Police v St John's. Police lost to St John's 3-0. W. Gilles and Red Gordon lost to 2-20; beat E. Zimmerman and A. E. P. Eastley and D. Kwok 14-21; beat S. Eastley and N. Whitley 12-21; beat R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd 21-3. H. Dingdale and H. S. Ladd lost to Eastley and Kwok 17-21; beat S. Eastley and N. Whitley 12-21; beat R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd 21-3.

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Review Of

The Principal Topics

February 9 To Feb. 15

Wednesday

February 12

Hongkong's Buses. Cable advice has been received by the China Motor Bus Company that the first two of the 30 Daimler chassis ordered for the double-decker buses a year ago, will be shipped within the next three months, and it is expected that the balance will arrive, two at a time, at monthly intervals.

This was revealed by Mr. Ngan Shing-kwan, General Manager of the Company, when he disclosed that the Company's \$1,000,000 scheme for running 60-passenger double-decker buses on the lower level routes in Hongkong will thus be delayed for another year-and-a-half or two years.

The original scheme, Mr. Ngan said, was to get the chassis imported with all-metal bodies from England at a cost of £1,725 per chassis and £1,000 for the body. But it was later decided to import the chassis only and build the bodies in Hongkong.

Unfortunately owing to war conditions in Europe, it is difficult to obtain deliveries and at the present rate it may be the end of 1942 before the first complete fleet of the Colony's double-decker-buses is in service. If the two chassis due to be shipped in May arrive here before August, the first double-decker bus should be in service by the beginning of September. This will, to some extent, relieve the over-crowding on the lower level routes which has been a cause of complaint for some time.

The estimated cost of importing the first 30 chassis, building the bodies and equipping the vehicles for service is estimated at approximately \$1,000,000 and the Company is anxious to get on with the scheme, but delays in delivery caused by the war are holding up the project.

Plaque Falls From Statue. The bronze plaque from the statue of King George V, erected in Hongkong in 1907 when he was Prince of Wales, was found lying at the foot of the statue in the early hours of yesterday morning by a Chinese constable on patrol duty in Statue Square, and taken to the Central Police Station.

Some of the screws which held the plaque in place were found missing, giving an impression that an attempt had been made to steal the plaque, but a closer inspection revealed rust marks in the screw beds, indicating that they had fallen off earlier and that the weight of the plaque was too much for the solitary screw left.

The plaque was sent to the Public Works Department to be re-fixed. The annual meeting of St. David's Society was held last night when the following members were present—Messrs E. Lloyd Jones (President), W. Aneurin Jones (Vice-President), D. S. Jones, E. I. Wynne-Jones, R. E. Selwyn-Jones, E. R. Price, D. F. Davies, Morgan Richards, Richard Edwards, W. J. Curd, E. C. Thomas, W. T. Lewis (Secretary).

The election of officers resulted—President, Mr. D. Morgan Richards; Vice-President, Mr. W. Aneurin Jones; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. W. T. Lewis; Committee, Mrs. E. F. Davies, Messrs R. Edwards, T. J. Price, D. S. Jones and Mr. Richard Edwards.

St. David's Day should take the form of a cocktail party to which members could invite guests from the Services.

Badminton Games in the B. division of the badminton league to-night resulted—

King's College beat Jewish Recreation Club 7-2.

K. L. Lail and J. Pau lost to J. Odell and M. Talan 17-21; beat B. Godkin and S. Ramler 21-0; beat A. Pollak and J. Odell 21-0.

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Thursday

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Police Officers Retire. Mr. Robert Horace Ethelbert Marks, Assistant Superintendent of Police (Eastern and Shaikwan Division), is shortly leaving the Colony on leave prior to retirement on pension after 32 years' service with the Hongkong Police Force.

Born at St. Paul's, Ramsgate, England, Mr. Marks came to Hongkong with the Buffs (the Royal West Kent Regiment), and joined the Police on July 29, 1909, as a constable. He was promoted Lance Sergeant in 1914, Inspector in 1920, and Inspector in October, 1925. In November, 1931, he was appointed Examiner of Weights and Measures, and in February, 1933, was appointed Acting Chief Inspector. He attained the substantive rank of Chief Inspector in August of the same year.

After acting as an Assistant Superintendent of Police since May, 1937, Mr. Marks was substantiated in the rank in February, 1938.

In March, 1928, he was awarded the 4th Class Police Medal for good work in the Shaikwan Division at Yumati, and in March, 1934, received the 3rd Class Police Medal for long and faithful service. He was decorated with the Colonial Police Long Service Medal in June, 1937, and was given a bar to the Medal in July, 1939.

During his period of service, Mr. Marks has had five home leaves. He is 54 years of age.

A popular member of the Police and Kowloon Cricket Clubs, Mr. Marks is a keen lawn bowler, and has represented his Club in the League.

Mr. Marks will be sailing for Australia, where he will join his wife. He has two sons in England.

INSPECTOR S. SHEPHERD

Inspector Sidney Shepherd, who has been Divisional Inspector (South) since March 1939, with headquarters at the Water Police Station, is also proceeding on leave prior to retirement on pension. He has been in the Police 20 years.

A native of Acton, London, Inspector Shepherd saw service in France during the last war, and was in action at Mons with the Coldstream Guards. He joined the Hongkong Police in October, 1920, after being demobilised, and served in Hongkong on December 29 the same year.

Promoted through the different grades, Inspector Shepherd reached his present rank in September, 1935. He was commended by the then Inspector General of Police in 1932 for zeal and alertness in preventing an armed robbery at Shatin New Territories. In October, 1939, he was awarded the Colonial Police Long Service Medal, and received a commendation from the Commissioner of Police in 1939 for his efficient and hard-working manner in which he had carried out his duties with the Water Police since 1935.

Inspector Shepherd does not take an active part in games, Inspector Shepherd was a keen member of both the Police and Kowloon Bowling Green Clubs. His retirement has been brought about as a result of the wounds he received in the last war affecting him.

Friday

February 14

A.R.P. Work Held Up. Progress on building new air raid shelters in tunnels is held up at the moment by a shortage of equipment and personnel. The A.R.P. department is being made to employ the existing tunnels, stated Mr. M. L. Bevan, Training Officer, to-day.

Mr. Bevan was deputising for the Director of Air Raid Precautions, Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins, who is at present in hospital with influenza. The A.R.P. Department has just been given sanction to purchase 4,000 stirrup pumps and 10,000 tubs, each capable of holding 40 gallons of water. This is a recognised A.R.P. fire-fighting equipment and has and is still being used extensively in England for combating fires caused by incendiary bombs.

These stirrup pumps and tubs will be distributed throughout the town and the congested areas. It was proposed, said Mr. Bevan, to manufacture the pumps and the tubs in Hongkong. The Railway had turned out stirrup pumps for them in the past and would probably do so again.

"We are urgently in need of another 500 Despatch riders, who will be attached to the various A.R.P. units for the purposes of carrying messages, etc. At the moment we have only 1,150 in this Corps and the required strength is 1,650," said Mr. Bevan.

In answer to a question, he said that they did not propose to start construction on tunnels at present but Road or Cause Road is being surveyed. He said that there were many Chinese Odell and Talan 21-13; beat Godkin and Ramler 21-14; beat Pollak and Odell 21-7.

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DEMOCRACY VERSUS
DEMAGOGUERY

WHEN Winston Churchill said that he was watching "with deep emotion the stirring processes" by which American democracy is preparing to give Britain the support to hold "the front line," he paid tribute to the ability of a free people to reach decisions by free discussion. On the whole, the American people are displaying a grasp of essentials which deserves that tribute. But some of the performances that have turned the hearings on the lend-lease bill into a sideshow evoke "deep emotion" which is far from admiration.

The witnesses before the House Foreign Relations Committee have testified with earnestness and dignity. But when some committee members indulge in such demagoguery, headline hunting, irrelevancies and buffoonery as to disgust fellow members, reporters and the public, the question must rise as to whether democratic processes can survive. Such a display of Nero's fiddling at a time when the world is afire is surely to be deprecated. We believe the vast majority of Americans do deeply disapprove. And the sideshow has not prevented the soberer and important parts of the hearing from carrying to the people the information they seek.

Democracy is strong enough to absorb even demagoguery—if there is time. The most disturbing feature of the hearings is the evidence that so many members of the Committee do not sense the fact that they are able to take time for such hearings only because the British bulwark still holds. We hope the people are adequately awake to that fact.—*Christian Science Monitor*.

BEHIND WASHINGTON POLICY

U.S. EAGER TO KNOW
BRITISH WAR AIMSBy
EVERETT HOLLES

(United Press Cables Editor)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (UP).—The United States is anxious to learn, before it goes "all out" in forging masses of weapons for Britain, the full scope of the British war aims, and to be convinced that the unwavering determination is to wipe out Hitlerism in a struggle to the finish.

This is a subject which high Washington officials refuse to discuss publicly, but it can be stated on good authority that they are making quiet and thorough inquiries.

Hopkins' Task

It was one of the principle tasks of President Roosevelt's personal envoy to London, Mr. Harry L. Hopkins, to get the private low-down on Britain's war aims as well as to discuss means of standardisation and collaboration in British and American arms production.

Information from London indicates that Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Winston Churchill have discussed these war aims and have decided not to elaborate upon them publicly at this time because Britain's immediate task, as Churchill has said, is to "exterminate Hitlerism."

But until these war aims are set forth, in regard not only to the crushing of Hitlerism but post-war Britain as well, there will remain some apprehension as to what socialistic imprints will be left in Britain after the conflict.

In contending that Britain is this country's first line of de-

fence, and basing his all-out aid programme on that principle, Mr. Roosevelt must, in order to make his plans effective on a long-range basis, have knowledge of how far Britain intends to go in fighting Hitler.

This, of course, assumes that the British can withstand and repulse Hitler's "supreme attack" to break their resistance, in whatever form that attack may be.

Should the British repulse a German "knock-out" blow and then, feeling their bargaining position to be stronger, consent to a negotiated peace, the United States might be left holding the bag.

From a policy of all-out aid to Britain, perhaps even to the point of sacrificing in the emergency weapons intended for the U. S. armed forces, this country would be forced back almost overnight on the necessity of throwing up a new front line of defence in the western hemisphere.

No Suspicion

This desire to learn the full scope of Britain's war plans does not betray a suspicion of the British, I was assured in high Washington circles, but is motivated by the U. S. Government's insistence "upon building our defences in the most practical, long-range manner."

Progress of the Blockade

Germans Spread
Coal on BreadBy H. ROBERTSON HOLMES,
famous research chemist.

BRITAIN'S ever-tightening blockade of the continent is forcing Germany to fall back on more and more Ersatz products.

The ingenuity of her chemists is being hard put to it to supply the country's need of vital chemicals and foods.

Meanwhile, the disgruntled German hausfrau faces the winter with real dread.

Well she might. Just before the war began I and a number of other British chemists were at the German Sebacie Acid works at Witten-in-the-Ruhr.

Von Klotzbach, one of the senior chemists of the Krupp combine, lifted a serviette from a dish.

"Lunch is served," he beamed, revealing—a piece of ordinary white deal wood!

"From this block of wood we can get alcohol, sugar, and glue," he said. "And"—uncovering another serviette, to disclose eleven lumps of hard coal—"from this coal we can get rubber, butter, nitric acid, artificial textiles, and toluol, the vital constituent of the high-explosive T.N.T."

Tastes Like Rubber!

When a German hausfrau grouches, "This butter tastes like rubber," she may be quite right, for a chemical combine of Krupp, Hoesch and Haniel-Komzern (who are leaders among the coal "kings" of Germany) are now making artificial butter and rubber from the same lumps of coal, and deriving a considerable profit thereby.

Two questions immediately arise in connection with "Ersatz" stuff:

Have the German chemists any special discoveries which we lack?

Why don't we make "Ersatz" rubber, butter, soap, fabrics and so forth?

So far as the first query is concerned, I can assure you that the bigger combines like Imperial Chemical Industries, ICI, and so on have for years made a close study of Nazi Ersatz, and some of our "espionage" stories in this connection equal any of the spy adventures of the Foreign Office!

We have our own agents actually working in the big German chemical works, and for years our "Fifth Column" chemists have been revealing to us every new discovery of Nazi scientists.

When Krupp could no longer rely on getting good supplies of Chlorine, he began to use a secret process for extracting toluol from coal.

Grim Joke

I can assure you that this same system for making high-explosives from coal has been tested in a Nottingham laboratory, but we have no need to waste money on the wholesale development of the scheme.

We can still get our nitrate and other supplies from South America; and were we fooled from doing so we should use an even superior method of obtaining nitrates.

How do they get sugar and alcohol from wood?

Von Klotzbach was the inventor of the steam-treating process that, from 200 lbs. of wood, produces 24 quarts of pure alcohol and 60 lbs. of lignin.

Wood shavings are stored in towers like Canadian wheat towers, and after several months of storage the bales of shavings are steam-treated under great pressure, and the natural resin of the wood is then distilled in the same way that crude oil is turned into petrol.

The resulting Ersatz alcohol works much better in aeroplane engines than in the human stomach! "Mir lauft das Wasser im Munde zusammen (my mouth is watering already)," joked a Nazi doctor when von Klotzbach showed him the block of wood from which he was going to make alcohol. It was a grim joke.

reaching Washington official quarters so far have described the British war spirit as high, Mr. Hopkins will report on his first-hand tour of provincial centres.

3. Whether Britain means, as Mr. Churchill has said, to carry the war back to Germany with an invasion of the continent in 1942, and what resources she will have for such an undertaking, on the basis of the present situation.

4. How the United States can help in preparations for such a British offensive, not only in supplying planes and other arms but, by means of economic warfare, assist to cripple Germany internally.

5. Whether Britain is prepared, in the event of victory, to give full support to Mr. Roosevelt's announcement that this nation insists upon a seat at any peace conference, whether or not she actually enters the war, and will insist upon world-wide disarmament.

6. Whether the British are prepared to give other peoples a free share in the resources of her Empire, righting the maladjustments of the World War settlements and offering them both the material advantages which some of them have obtained from Hitler's own peculiar economic system as well as the advantages of liberty and self-respect.

7. Whether Britain's war aims foresee some sort of a European federation, powerful enough to withstand any attack and providing for the elimination of cut-throat economic competition while still protecting the individual identity of various nations.

U.S. Peace Aims

Mr. Roosevelt, making it clear that regardless of the extent of U. S. involvement in the conflict this country is determined to have its say in framing the post-war world, already has set forth in a generalised way the U. S. peace aims.

They call for (1) freedom of speech and expression everywhere, (2) freedom of worship, (3) freedom from want and economic maladjustments, and (4) freedom from fear, which means disarmaments to a point where no Power will be capable of aggression.

A New Halifax

In connection with Washington's speculation as to the future of a "negotiated peace" feeling in Britain there is an interesting story going the rounds. Washington rounds regarding the new British Ambassador to the United States, Viscount Halifax.

The fact that Mr. Churchill chose a man closely associated with the Chamberlain policy of "negotiation" has an explanation, according to this story.

Lord Halifax came to the United States because of his former views, not in spite of them, it is said.

His task is to inform non-interventionists, and such groups as the American First Committee, that Britain is determined to see the war through to the complete crushing of Hitlerism; that he, once known as an appeaser, represents this changed and hardened policy in British Tory circles.

As to non-interventionism in the United States, Administration supporters assert that it is cracking up far more rapidly than in 1914-1917.

This, it is claimed, can be attributed as much to Hitler's reaction as to President Roosevelt's policies in themselves.

Hitler's Attitude

Last year, when I accompanied Under-Secretary of State Sumner Welles on his tour of Europe's belligerent capitals, the German attitude toward the United States appeared to be that non-intervention sentiment would outweigh any aggressive Roosevelt policies as regards the Axis.

Now, the Roosevelt administration believes that Hitler's attitude has changed to a belief that the United States really means business. No one in Washington knows, of course, what Hitler's actual answer will be, but the President, it can be said, intends to play this psychological factor to the limit, and on this he bases to a large extent his hopes of keeping the United States out of the hostilities.

In this respect, the provision in the President's aid to Britain bill turning over U. S. bases for the repair of British warships is significant.

Come what may, the United States wants to make sure that the British and American fleets will stand together.

In his recent Areside radio talk, Mr. Roosevelt said: "I believe that the Axis powers are not going to win this war. I base that belief on the latest and the best information." So long as British and American sea power is dominant, Hitler can never accomplish his broad plan of conquest.

War Deferred

But Mr. Churchill added—for the benefit of American opponents to all-out aid to Britain—that a negotiated peace would only mean war again later on and "on worse terms," and "the chance of setting the march of mankind along the high roads of human progress would be lost and might never return."

However, speculation in Washington as to the possibility of a negotiated peace is not limited to non-interventionist quarters.

There are those who fear that the British, whatever their purposes, might be left so prostrate after repulsing a knock-out German assault that they might be willing to negotiate to end the bloodshed and destruction.

Germany might be left too spent to try another assault while the British, weakened in planes, men and other resources, would be too exhausted to attempt an invasion of the European continent. Then, it is feared, a stalemate might invite peace discussions.

Suspicion still exists in Washington that some Britons are still waiting quietly "under cover" for such a development, and would come forth with a proposal to "pen up Hitler on the continent" and save the British overseas Empire.

This British view, according to some reports reaching Washington, contends that British-American naval power could defend the rest of the world and "leave it to Germany and Russia to fight it out on the continent." Should Britain, within the next six months, suddenly agree to any sort of a negotiated peace, there would be one of the worst snarls imaginable in the U. S. arms programme, it is admitted in Washington.

"Fluid" State

The entire month-to-month schedule for arms shipments to Britain would be thrown completely out of gear, because these arms are being produced for Britain's specific needs rather than primarily for western hemisphere defence under Mr. Roosevelt's proposals.

Washington appears to have only the most meagre information now regarding Britain's war aims, despite the hand-in-hand functioning of the two governments, and to most inquiries the British are reported to have replied that the situation being what it is, these aims necessarily are in a "fluid" state. Nevertheless, it is apparent that this lack of information is not without effect upon both our arms production programme and the course of U. S. foreign policy on a long-range basis.

Information Sought

Through Mr. Hopkins and other channels Washington is anxious to learn:

1. Whether there is any danger that Britain, after some sort of a victory bolstering the British bargaining position, would negotiate a peace in the manner which Mr. Roosevelt has said "would bring no security for ourselves or our neighbours."

2. The actual state of morale among the British people, not only the leaders but the people of the provinces. All reports

Seduced Girl's Mother Awarded £900 Damages

Night flying trips to Paris and lavish parties were mentioned in the King's Bench Division when £900 damages were awarded to a mother who claimed that her daughter of 16 had been seduced.

Mrs Ethel Taylor, of Highfield-road, Shepperton, Middlesex, sued Mr John Etlinger, aged 36, of Whitfield-street, London, W., for the loss of the services of her daughter Joan.

He was not in court.

Mr Justice Hilbery, giving judgment, said that at every stage Etlinger seemed to have behaved like a blackguard and with a degree of callousness and meanness in money matters that would have been a disgrace to a full-blooded Englishman.

He was not that, because his father, at any rate, was German. He had broken his promise that the girl would be able to live with her baby and broken the promise to his mother to give up the association.

Car Trips

Mr L. J. Lindner, for Etlinger said that in 1935 Joan was employed as a bookkeeper at the Anchor Hotel, Shepperton, owned by Mrs Etlinger. John Etlinger came there occasionally at week-ends, and his mother suggested that he escort Joan home in his car at night. It was one of the trips that relations first took place.

His attentions became more persistent and he began taking Joan on night flying trips to Paris and lavishly entertaining her at Hanworth and in London.

When Mrs Taylor threatened to take her daughter away from the hotel, Etlinger promised Joan marriage and took her to London.

While living with Etlinger Joan worked as an usherette at a cinema. He gave her 2s. 6d. a day. Toward the end of June 1937 she entered a nursing home and gave birth to a child on July 4.

Kept Baby

On her being discharged from the nursing home, Etlinger put her in a taxi and told her to go back to her mother. He would not let her have the baby.

Mr Lindner said that Miss Taylor was anxious to see the baby, and on her recovery returned to Etlinger in London, where she worked and maintained herself.

Later her mother learned that she was critically ill with pneumonia and removed her to Shepperton, where she was now living.

Two Doctors

Miss Taylor, who said that she was now 26, declared that while she was ill Etlinger packed up his things and walked out. (She had discovered that he was already a married man and had associated with other women.)

Miss Taylor added that while staying with Etlinger in London she had double pneumonia, necessitating the attendance of two doctors and two nurses.

They had not been paid, and the rent of the furnished flat was not paid.

Mr Justice Hilbery, in giving judgment, said the mother was entitled to recompense for the loss of her daughter's services, and the law could give vindictive damages where a parent had been wounded in her honour and feelings by a seducer's conduct.

Singapore Has Black-out

Road Users' Dilemma

SINGAPORE recently had the most complete black-out yet experienced since air raid exercises began in Malaya.

"It was obvious from a tour of the city before the air raid alarms that heed was being taken of the necessity for as little light as possible being directed on to open spaces or reflected into the air," writes the "Straits Times."

"On the other hand, it was also obvious that as far as road users were concerned, motorists—and warden themselves—were still uncertain as to the type of light vehicles are allowed to display."

R.A.F. observers flew over Singapore most of the night.

Several Accidents

Several accidents took place after dark including one in which an air raid warden was the victim.

The warden was taken to hospital with a compound fracture of the right leg, head injuries, and suspected fractured ribs. It is reported that he was crushed between an omnibus and a motor-car which were involved in a collision.

NO PARADES

"The Military Authorities inform us that there will be no parade of the H.K.V.D.C. Training Cadre and Company on Monday and Tuesday, February 17 and 18."

Japan Cannot Get Or Make The Guns

The Japanese 45,000-ton super-dreadnought, one of which was launched last spring, are not yet armed and have not the slightest prospect of getting their 16-inch guns.

German firms had contracts for the guns, mounting and range-finders, but lately the Japanese have been trying to get machine tools from America for the work.

"EXPECT PEACE DRIVE"—Hitler's Next

"Germany—robbed of her hoped-for short war, cheated of easy victory in the Mediterranean, let down by her junior partner, Italy, in Greece and Africa, and feeling the pinch inside her own lands as our blockade continues its inexorable pressure—may well put out peace feelers."

"They can be made only through the Vatican or the White House," states Lord Queenborough in a message to the Royal Society of St George. "If and when such feelers are put out, the power of the White House will be enormous," he says.

"It is well for democracy—not merely for Britain—that in the White House there still sits a man, able from experience to weigh the sincerity and the significance of Nazidom, and yet able equally to assess the capacity of the world for further war."

Social Changes

"President Roosevelt will obviously not tolerate, in any peace terms in which he has a voice, abuses in other countries that he has set himself to eradicate in his own."

"We in England should cease our minds of out-worn phrases, clear our talk of 'swings to the left' or 'swings to the right,' and begin to envisage without nervousness sweeping changes of social and economic relationships which the war will make inevitable."

"If those changes are based on a proper comprehension of social justice, and are in the line of our old constitutional traditions, they will be but the natural evolution of a nation."

Beginning Of End

"Held in Africa, rolled back from Greece, defeated decisively in the Mediterranean, Mussolini is proving as helpless an ally to Germany as his nation was to Britain in 1917," Lord Queenborough continued.

"The defeat of the Axis combination on its Italian flank may well be the beginning of the end, though the end may yet be far from us."

"It may be late Spring before Britain begins to show air superiority, and before that time there will be much to endure."

"All that remains now is to endure a little longer until the day when the British forces, re-equipped, fully trained, and filled with an unconquerable determination to avenge the wrongs of Europe, shall carry the war again into the enemy countries."

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued Saturday, says: For a short session there was a fair turnover with China Lights recording a slight improvement.

Buyers

Bank of East Asia \$76
Union Ins. \$412.50
Providents \$5.70
Lands 4 1/2 Debentures \$97.50
Lights "O" \$6
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Lights "O" \$0.20
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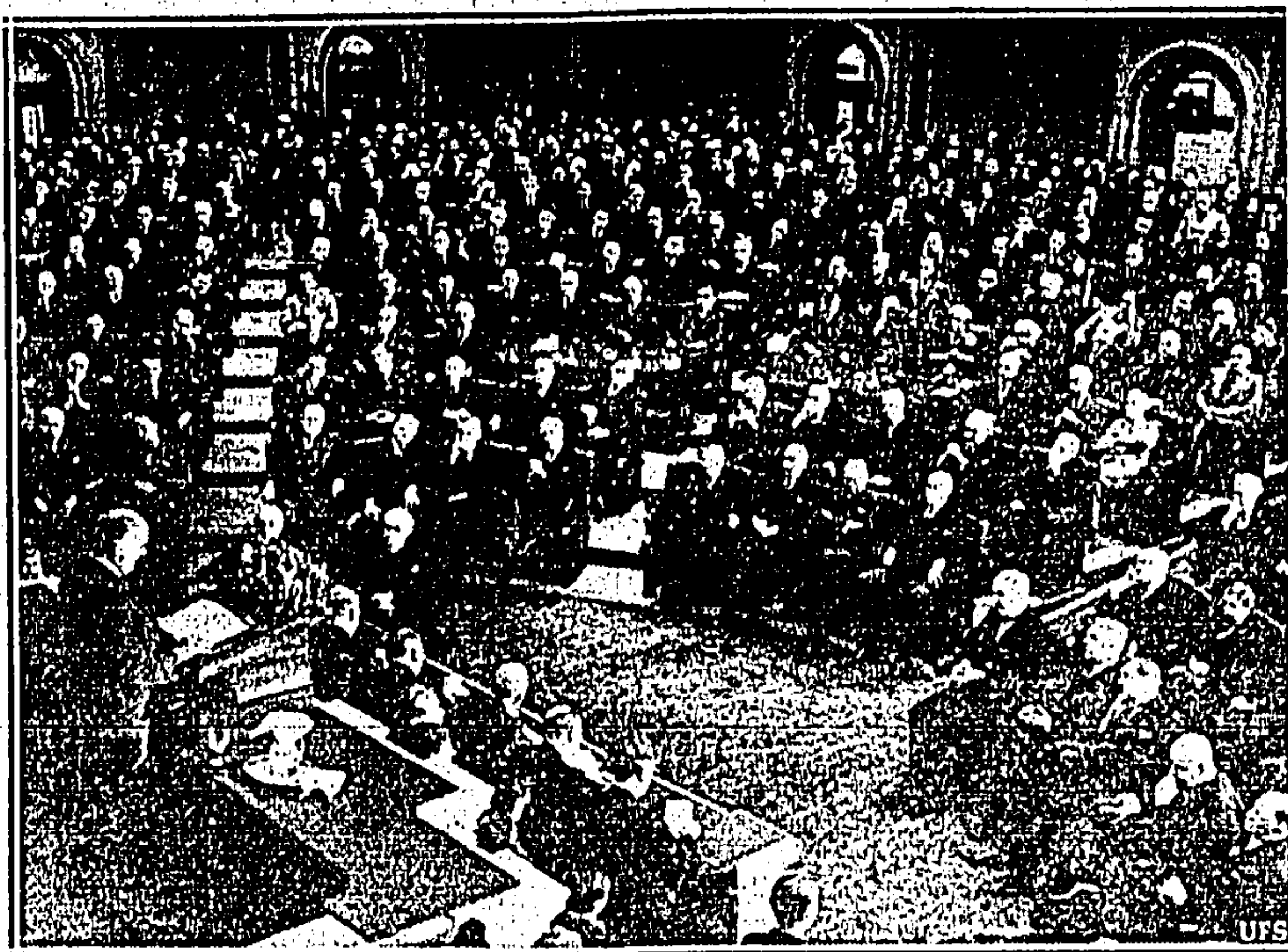
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National Red Cross Society Of China

The budget of expenditure of the National Red Cross Society of China for the current year was fixed at NCS\$9,000,000 and HK\$300,000 at the second and last session of its 24th annual conference held at its Hongkong Office, Kowloon, last week.

Presided over by Dr C. T. Wang, President of the Society, the meeting was attended by Mr Hsu Shih-ying, Acting Chairman of the National Relief Commission; Dr W. W. Yen, former Chinese Ambassador to Soviet Russia; Mr Wang Hsiao-lai, Mr Yen Kung-cho, Mr Tu Yueh-shen, Mr Samuel S. U. Zau, Dr J. Heng Liu and others. Dr Robert Kho-sen Lim, Director of the Red Cross Relief Corps, who had made a special trip here by air from Kweiyang, was also present and reported on the relief work carried out last year.

The conference decided to train a competent medical personnel for relief work. In the first year, five doctors and 10 nurses will be trained at an estimated expenditure of NCS\$17,000. The conference re-appointed Mr Fan Hsiao-no as Secretary-General of the Society.



ASKS BILLIONS—Intense seriousness prevailed at joint meeting of Congress when President Roosevelt read his message asking billions to supply nations resisting aggression and assuring U.S. was in grave peril. He's at lower left. Senators are in front rows of House chamber, Representatives in rear and Cabinet at lower right.

King Spends Night At Bomber Station

The King recently spent a night at an R.A.F. station of the Bomber Command. During his visit he saw heavily loaded Wellingtons take off for Cologne, and welcomed their pilots and crew after seeing them land safely on returning from their successful raid.

It was midnight when the first crew back entered the brightly lit intelligence room to make their report. As the little group, with their squadron leader, an Australian, at their head, entered, the King was standing with the senior intelligence officer and Air Marshal Sir Richard Pierce, Chief of the Bomber Command, and Air Vice-Marshal J. E. A. Baldwin.

The King took part in questioning the squadron leader when he made his report. "Were you able to drop your bombs on the target?" asked the King. "Yes, Sir," replied the airman. "The weather wasn't good, and we had nine-tenths cloud, but I managed to pick up a bend in the river which gave me my direction, and I made my two runs over the target, unloading my bombs on the railway marshalling yards."

Airmen Report

The King—"Was there much noise, much opposition?" "Well, Sir, Jerry is still playing foxy. They were no searchlights, no flak, until I dropped my bombs. Then 14 or 15 lights came on, making a cone in the sky, and they chucked everything up from the A.A. guns to the apex of the cone."

Other members of the crew crowded round as the squadron leader made his report. The King looked at the large-scale map on the wall, with coloured pins and stretched tapes marking the route to Cologne. "Where was your target exactly?" he asked and the pilot pointed it out to him on a map.

Knew Berlin Well

When the squadron leader mentioned that he had made 23 flights over Germany, the King asked: "Have you been to Berlin?" With a quiet smile the young officer replied: "Oh, yes, Sir; I know that place quite well."

The crew of a second aircraft that had been over Berlin came into the room. The King shook hands with the young sergeant pilot, who had captained the bomber, and asked him how he had got on.

The pilot, who has made 25 trips over Germany, replied: "We found a lot of cloud, but we had a bit of good luck. There was a break in the cloud at the right moment, and I could see our objective, a railway station, very clearly just as we dropped our bombs."

Reads Log Book

The crews of two other bombers which had been over enemy invasion ports were drinking coffee and smoking cigarettes while their commander read their reports. The King invited to several of the men, borrowed the log book of a sergeant pilot, and read the pencilled entries giving the time of attack, details of

Chamber Music Club Concert

The Hongkong Chamber Music Club will be having their thirteenth concert, in the Great Hall of the University of Hongkong on Friday, at 8.15 p.m.

The programme has been arranged by the Very Rev Father A. Riganti, and the choral items will be by the Choir of St Joseph's Church. Piano solos will be given by Caroline Braga, and she will be accompanied by Elizabeth Brown in three duets.

Works of Chopin, Macdowell, Bach and Haydn, and one item composed by Father Riganti, will be among those sung or played.

St Patrick's Club Officers Elected

The annual general meeting of St Patrick's Catholic Club was held on Friday in the Club Hall. The following were elected officers for the coming year:

President and Treasurer, Rev. Fr. F. A. Riganti; Chairman, Mr N. L. Leonard; Hon. Secretary, Mr G. F. Santos; Librarian, Mr H. Williams; Management Committee, Messrs B. A. Marcell, A. J. Marshall and C. J. Thorley.

Rev. Fr. Riganti gave a short address on the objects of the Club, and explained that its financial status was quite sound. It is intended that members will have opportunities to indulge more time in sports, and for this reason, it is hoped that a football team will soon be formed.

Malayan Coast Now Mined

London, Feb. 16. The Admiralty announced to-day that a portion of the Malayan coast would be a danger to navigation as it had been covered with mines.

Ships wishing to pass through the area would have to apply to the Singapore authorities for a safe passage. Any vessel not doing so would pass at its own risk and peril.

St John Ambulance Competition

The St John Ambulance Brigade held its annual Mok Cho-choon Cup Competition in First Aid Proficiency, yesterday morning at Brigade Headquarters, when each division entered a squad of four men. Results were: 1, Hongkong Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division; 2, Confucian Society Division; 3, Kwong Wah Division.

Among those present were the Director of Medical Services, Hon. Dr P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Col. Stimson, R.A.M.C., Asst-Commissioner E. M. Raymond, District Superintendent A. Arculli, Major T. L. Wright, Mr J. B. Trevor, Mr A. E. Perry, District Officer T. K. Chak, District Officer A. H. Rumjahn and Corp. Officer Chan Yuk-in.

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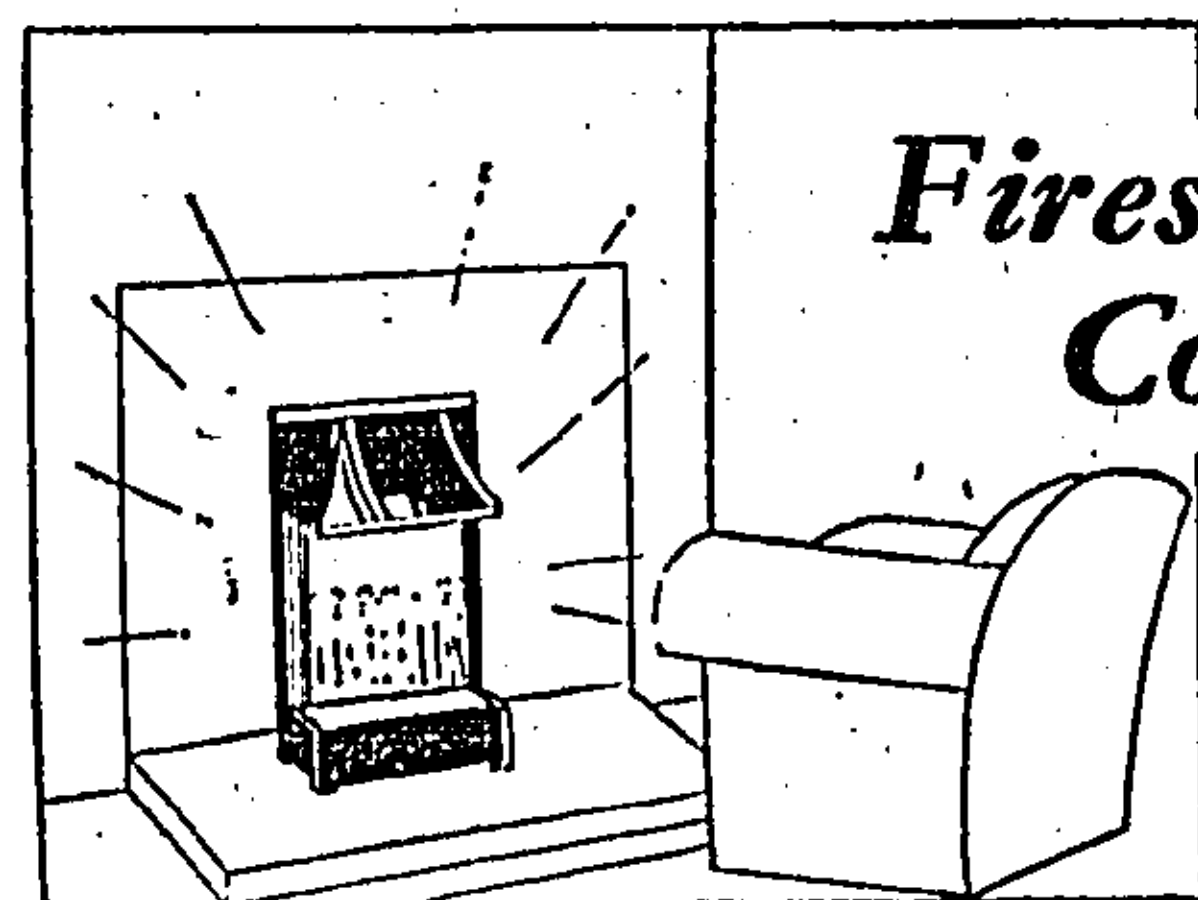
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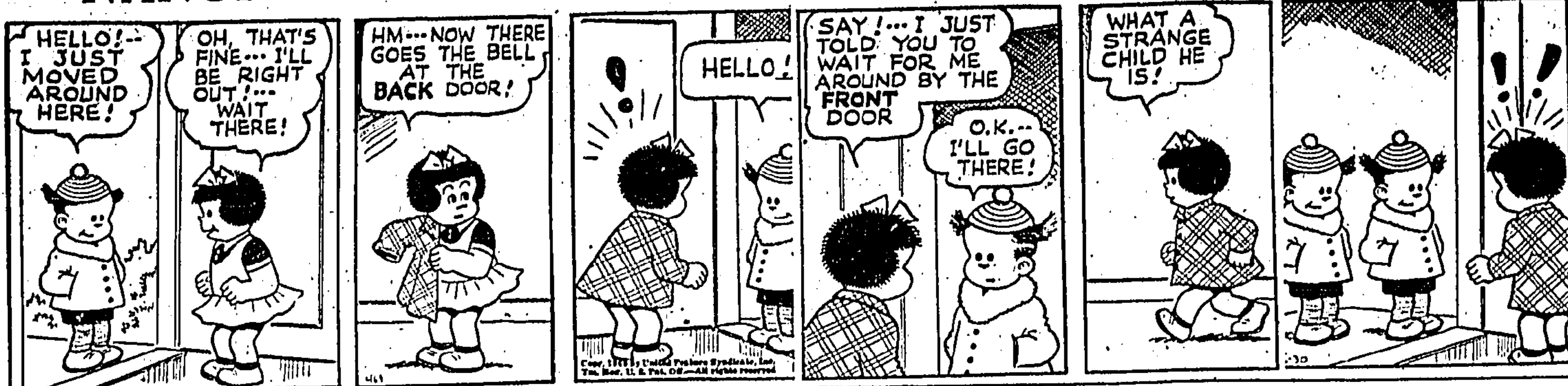
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MINISTRY TRICKS TRADERS

MINISTRY of Food "agent provocateurs"—officials sent out with false ration cards, to lure traders into breaking the law—were recently the subject of a sharp protest in the Commons.

A recent court was at Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, revealed that, under the authority of the Food Ministry, persons are sent out with instructions which are aimed at tricking shopkeepers into breaches of the rationing regulations.

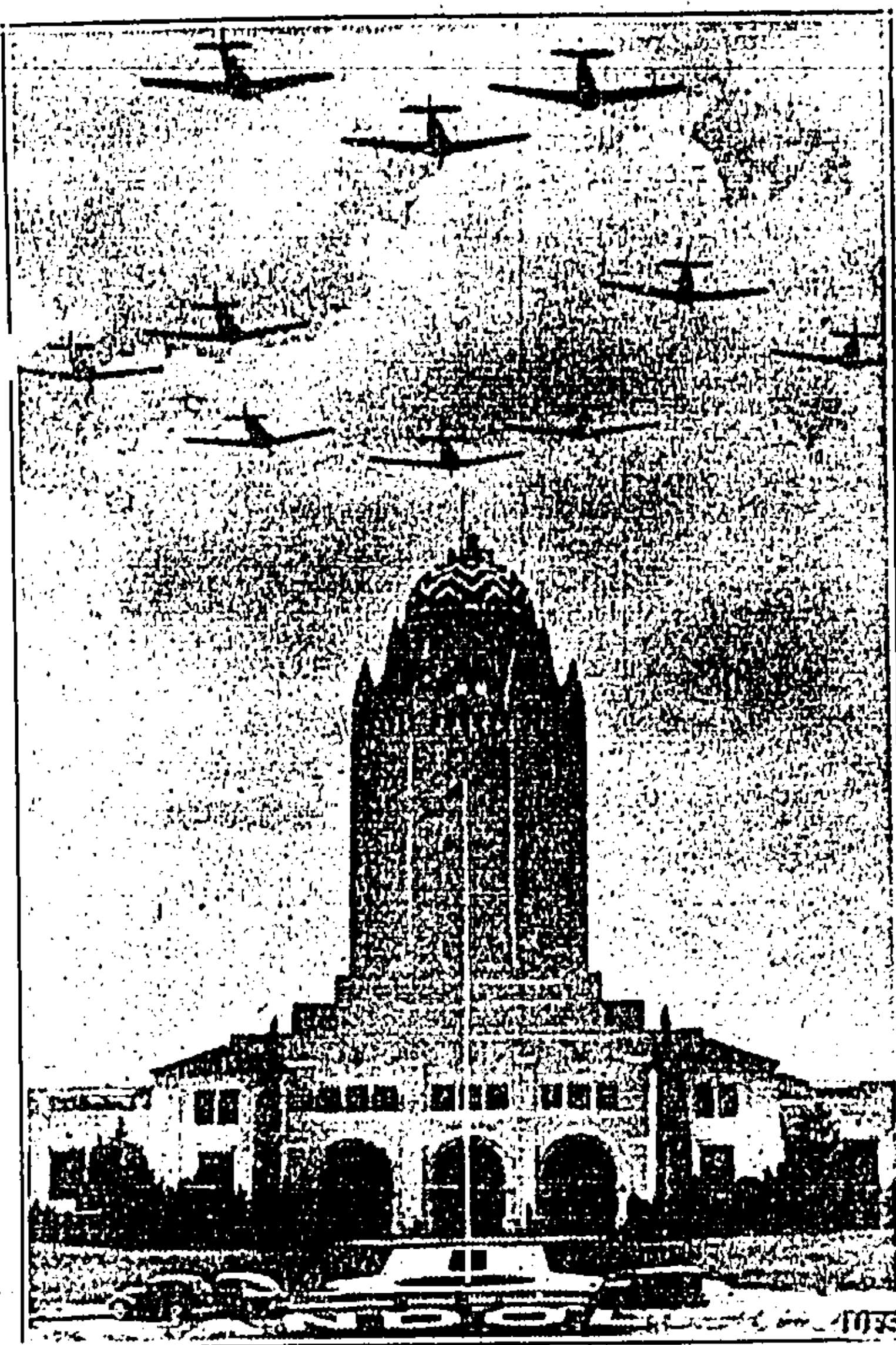
Mr R. C. Morrison, M.P., raised the matter in Parliament.

He called attention to the Wisbech case and demanded that the Minister of Food abandon this objectionable practice.

Young Woman Decoy

In the case cited, a young woman, acting on instructions contained in an unsigned Ministry circular, visited several shops in Wisbech. She presented the traders with a ration card which bore a fictitious name and address.

In one case, it is alleged, she waited outside the shop until the manager had gone, leaving in charge an inexperienced assistant aged 18. The magistrates who tried one of the cases which followed this young woman's activities imposed only a small fine and expressed their disapproval of the course taken.



HOMEWARD FLIGHT—Flight of training planes, homeward bound, roars over tower of administration building at Randolph Field, Texas. Field is called "West Point of the Air." About 350 planes go aloft each day.

DOWNING STREET INCIDENT

Man's Story of Valuable Secret

LEWIS CHARLES LEWIS, D.Sc., who said he was technical adviser at the Monmouth County Hall, Newport, was at Bow Street Police Court, London, recently remanded for a medical report on a charge of being drunk and disorderly in Downing Street.

Police-Constable Bartlett said that Lewis approached 10 Downing Street and demanded to see the Prime Minister. He said: "I have got £5,000,000 to give him and a secret process for running aeroplanes and cars without petrol."

He became argumentative and had to be restrained. No money was found on him. His speech was slurred and he smelt of whisky. Lewis told the Magistrate that an M.P. had made the appointment for him to see the Prime Minister. He was met at Paddington by his own chauffeur and driven to Downing Street.

Petrol-less Planes

It was no exaggeration to say that he was giving the Prime Minister £5,000,000. He had, he stated, solved the problem of running aeroplanes and cars without petrol. The secret was worth £50,000,000, but he did not want a penny for it. He had refused an offer of £2,000,000 from a business firm. He was known to Hannen Swaffer, Montague Norman, Grenfell, and others.

Lewis said that he had never been drunk in his life. The police officer possibly thought he was drunk because he was very hoarse through a cold.

"I am going to sue these people for locking me up," he added. The case was put back for a short time on Lewis saying that he made a request for certain persons to be called in vain. A sergeant subsequently told the Court that Lewis told him that he wanted Hannen Swaffer, Emmanuel Stinwell, M.P., and George Hall, M.P. Witness telephoned to the members of Parliament but was unsuccessful, which virtually runs the camp.

"The camp is nominally under British control, but in practice, it is largely self-governing, and the Fascist element is in control. On the evening of November 1 two men came to him in the camp corridor and set on him.

"The whole regime of the camp is open to criticism," went on Mr Strauss. "I have a report on it from a reliable informant recently released. I am sending this report to the Minister of Home Security."

3,000 In Camp

"There are about 3,000 internees in the camp. The bulk are small shopkeepers and waiters of no political belief save a resentment against Britain for internment. There are a few vigorous anti-Fascists—but there is a far stronger Fascist group."

NEW CITY EVERY SIX MONTHS

MR WALTER ELLIOT, former Minister of Health, broadcasting recently, spoke of what Britain had done for her people. "When we distrust ourselves," he said, "look back on some of the things that actually did happen."

"In the 20 years of peace that Britain helped to win for the world with the victory of 1918 we more than halved the death-rate from consumption in this country. We halved the maternal mortality, halved the death-rate for small babies."

"As to the homes for heroes, we had still in 1939 terrible blots on the face of our cities, yet we had moved a million people out of the slums."

In 20 Years

"From the beginning of our history to 1918 we had produced eight million houses. In the next 20 years we built four million. "And the pace was quickening. In the four years before 1939 we built almost exactly a thousand houses per working day. "We had built the equivalent of all Glasgow, plus all Birmingham, plus all Sheffield, plus all Leeds—in each six months, a great new city. "What we did in that 20 years we can better in 20 years ahead."

Allotments In Hyde Park

THE British public is to be allowed to dig its own allotment in the exhibition ground of Hyde Park.

Westminster City Council will manage the scheme and is letting the land in five-rod plots at a maximum rent of 6s. 6d. a year.

Expert gardeners will show the public on two demonstration plots how the ideal allotment should be run.

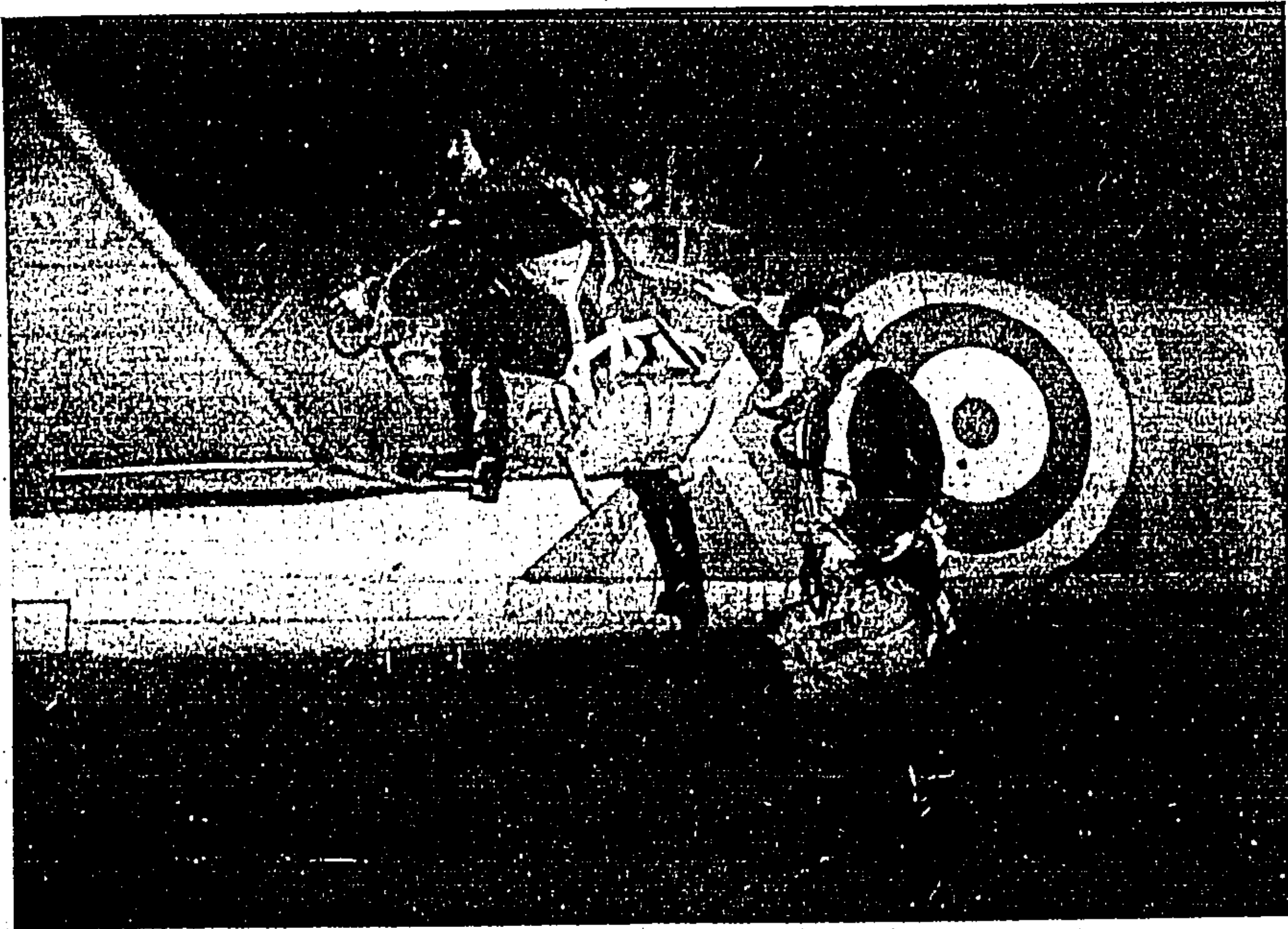
Youth Digs For Victory Children have formed their own Allotments Associations at Southport and Preston to "dig for victory," and are supported by the local authorities.

Boys of Preston were first in the field. They won a prize at Southport show. Southport took up the challenge and the corporation has presented land to be cultivated by boys and girls.

PHILIPPINES TO TRAIN VOLUNTEERS

Plans to recruit and train some 200,000 men throughout the Philippines with a view to organising them into auxiliary units of the Islands' national defence system are being made.

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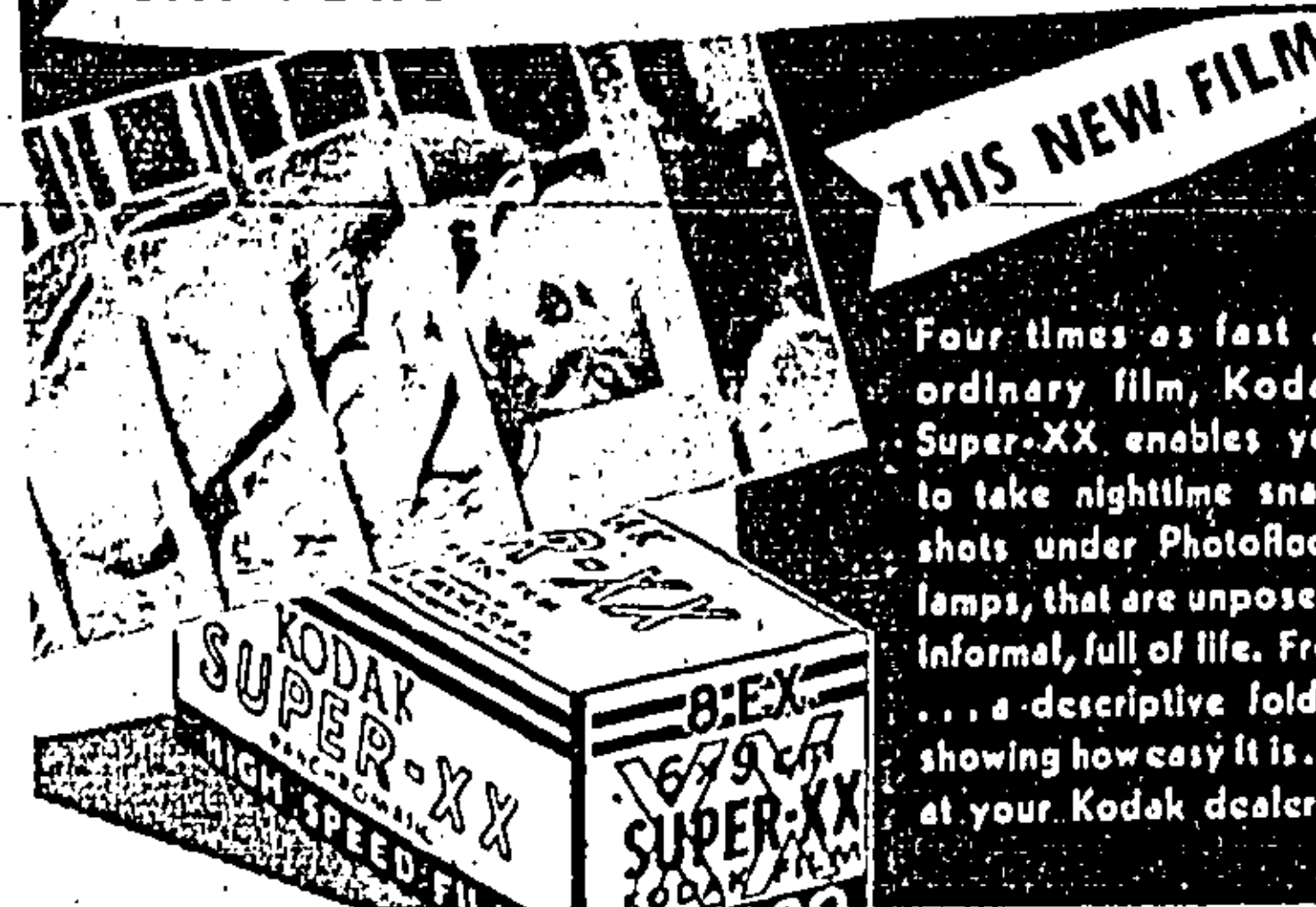
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Reassuring News Of Prisoners In Germany

A REASSURING report on the treatment of British prisoners captured by the Germans has been received through the Red Cross.

"Conditions are better than might have been expected. The greatest need is news from home."

These are broadly speaking, the conclusions of two Swiss International Red Cross delegates who visited war prisoners' camps in Belgium, occupied France and Germany.

They point out that there are still many soldiers and officers who have received no letters since their capture. There appears to be a heavy delay in delivery, due to German censorship, but the United States Embassy in Berlin is taking up the matter.

Sample reports on various camps are:

Conditions

(1) Air officers' camp: Barracks comfortable; no complaints regarding food, health excellent. There is well-stocked canteen and library, but the prisoners will be glad to receive parcels of cigarettes, soap and linen.

(2) Institute Bordet, Brussels: Treatment of wounded excellent. The doctors are German specialists.

(3) Ermentout Hospital, Rouen: Treatment and food good. Morale excellent. There are 123 wounded and five British doctors.

(4) Civilian internment camp, St Denis: Living conditions satisfactory. Health good. Seven British doctors.

Anti-tank Gun Kills Two At Exhibition

A boy and a youth were killed, and a woman, her daughter and another boy wounded when an anti-tank gun—part of an exhibition of war weapons—exploded at City Hall, Sheffield, recently.

The gun was being demonstrated to a crowd of visitors to the exhibition, held in connection with the city's War Weapons Week, when it went off.

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Society Chinese Wedding

Mr Chan Shu-Kai And
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A brilliant Chinese society wedding took place at St John's Cathedral on Saturday afternoon, when Miss Angela Wai Chun Gockchin became the bride of Mr Chan Shu-kai.

THE BRIDE is the youngest daughter of Mr Philip Gockchin, Chairman of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce and Chief Manager of the Wing On Co., Ltd. and the Wing On Bank Ltd. She studied at St Stephen's Girls' College, and is a popular member of Hongkong's younger set.

The bridegroom is the fourth son of Mr Chan Wai-chow, former Commissioner of Salt Administration in Kwangtung. He is a returned student from Germany, where he studied political science.

The Rev. Lee Kau-yun officiated, and Mr J. R. M. Smith was at the organ.

The bride was given away by her father, and arrived at the Church in an exquisite creation of white chiffon velvet. Her maid-of-honour, Miss Hui Shue-ching, wore a gown of mauve lace and a veil; while her bridesmaids, the Misses Tong Hoi-shu, Allen Li, Li Wai-han, and Elsie Wong, wore frocks of light blue and pink tulle.

Mr Chey Wai-fan undertook the duties of best man.

The reception was held at the home of Mr Chan, and was followed later by a dinner at the Kwong Chow Restaurant.

Races On To-day

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AUSTRAL TRIAL PLATE

Oracle
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SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES (THIRD SECTION)

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AUSTRALIAN VALLEY STAKES

Endeavour
Moonlight
United Express
Daily Doubles Event
Far View/Vitamin M.

R.A.F. Continues Its "Blitz" On Rhodes

FROM PAGE ONE

South African Air Force. The accuracy of the bombing and machine-gunning was confirmed by a subsequent inspection.

In Abyssinia yesterday, a large motor transport park at Dessie was successfully attacked from the air while in Eritrea the R.A.F. continued to attack enemy troop concentrations, motor transport and other military objectives.

Hangars and workshops at Mal Adaga were bombed and a number of fires and explosions were caused. Two aircraft are missing from yesterday's operations over Rhodes, Albania and Italian East Africa.

LATE NEWS

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AIR RAID COMPANY TUNNELS REPORT

Tests Not Completed Telephone Co. Profit

Testing of the duct ventilation system in the A.R.P. tunnels opposite the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building yesterday morning was very satisfactory, but the tests could not be completed owing to a misunderstanding with the coolies.

"The system of ventilation worked very well indeed," said Mr B. H. Puckle, Deputy Director of A.R.P., "and very good results were recorded; but the objects of the tests were to compare two different methods of ventilation. We cannot say which is the best until we have carried out the second test. A certain number of Europeans were in the worst part of the tunnel, and appeared none the worse after the test."

About 1,500 coolies were used in the test, which lasted about two and a half hours. The exhaust fan system of ventilation will be tested to-morrow.

An interesting and amusing description of the life and work of Sir Wilfred Grenfell, doctor, missionary and business man, whom he described as "the man who didn't know the meaning of can't," was given by Rev. E. Moreton to the Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group last night.

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GREEKS ROUT ITALIAN ELEVENTH ARMY ON A 30-MILE WIDE SECTOR

LONDON, Feb. 16 (REUTER).—GREEK TROOPS COMPLETELY ROUTED THE ITALIAN ELEVENTH ARMY ON THE 30-MILE WIDE MOSCOPOLIS-TEPELINI SECTOR OF THE ALBANIAN FRONT YESTERDAY AND LAST NIGHT, ACCORDING TO REPORTS RECEIVED TODAY BY "REUTER'S" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT ON THE ALBANIAN FRONTIER.

GERMAN WARNING TO TURKEY

BASLE, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—A warning to Turkey that she is "no longer master of the Balkans" as she was 30 years ago has been given in authoritative German circles, according to the Berlin correspondent of the "Basle Nachrichten".

The same circles stress that Germany's relations with Greece are still unchanged.

The correspondent adds that the Wilhelmstrasse is still most reserved concerning the present German-Yugo-Slav conversations, but the traditional friendship between the two countries is emphasised.

U. S. ARMY EXPANSION

—3,000,000

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (Domei).—Military authorities disclosed that the Army Department has started a survey with a view to expanding the Army to more than three million men in case of emergency.

Sites for additional camps and cantonments are being surveyed all over the country. Thus an army of 1,418,000 men contemplated by June could quickly be doubled in size if such a step was necessary.

JAPANESE ENVOY SEES IL DUCE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Feb. 16 (Domei).—An exchange of information regarding the Far Eastern and European situations was made between Mussolini and the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Zemei Horikiri, during their 20-minute interview at the Venezia Palace yesterday.

Measures to effect closer co-operation between Japan, Germany and Italy were discussed. The Japanese Ambassador was accompanied by Mr. Yoshinaga Ando, Counsellor of the Japanese Embassy.

Cricket Match Off

It is announced that owing to the ground being unfit, the cricket match between the Hongkong Cricket Club and the Volunteers to-day, has been cancelled.

Situation is Grave: No Cause for Alarm

SYDNEY, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—"Although the situation is grave, I see nothing that need alarm or even seriously disturb a resolute people."

This statement was made in a broadcast by the Attorney General and Navy Minister, Mr. W. M. Hughes, to-day.

Mr. Hughes said that the joint statement by the Acting Prime Minister and the Opposition Leader last week seriously disturbed the Australian people and may even have made them a little nervous. Mr. Hughes added: "This will pass."

Japanese Declaration
TOKYO, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—Japan's advance to the south has been spurred on by the British and American policy of aiding the Chungking regime and antagonising Japan. The newspaper, "Nichi Nichi Shinbun," it continues: "Britain and Aus-

Two thousand prisoners are reported to have been taken, together with a large quantity of war material, including arms and light artillery.

Reports state that the R.A.F. and Greek air force greatly contributed to the success of the operations. The daring and skill of the British and Greek airmen have created the greatest enthusiasm among the Greek land forces.

The Greeks claim to have made another big drive in the gorges of Predesinje mountains, thus creating a deep wedge in the Italian front between Klisura and Tepelini on the centre of the battle-front.

Vichy's Big Three

Notorious Leader

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—It is reported from Vichy that the new government reorganisation will place virtually all state powers in the hands of a military triumvirate comprising Marshal Petain, Admiral Darlan and General Huntziger.

Cabinet Meeting

VICHY, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The French Cabinet met this afternoon under Marshal Petain. It discussed questions concerning the production of raw material and unemployment and family life, it was stated. M. Peyrou's resignation as Minister of the Interior and his appointment as French Ambassador to the Argentine were officially announced here this afternoon. His ministerial duties, it was added, have been transferred to Admiral Darlan.

Eugene Deloncle

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—Eugene Deloncle, who was the leader of the notorious Cagoulards in 1937, is now head of the new Nazi-inspired French Party, Rassemblement National Populaire, says a message to the independent French news agency.

Deloncle was the first man to be arrested when the Fascist rising by the Cagoulards was nipped in the bud three years ago. He was charged with stirring German and Italian arms in readiness for an attempt at insurrection against the Popular Front Government then in power.

Mission To South America

CARACAS, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The British Mission, which has been visiting Latin America under the leadership of Lord Willingdon has concluded a five-day visit to Venezuela, during which its members were guests of the Government and were lavishly entertained by the many friends of Britain's cause.

The Mission also had a series of conferences with Government officials and leaders of commerce and economic life.

The Mission has expressed satisfaction with the results achieved and the universal sympathy it has encountered for the cause of the Allies.

Evacuation Advice

It declares that rumours that conditions in the Far East are assuming serious proportions are only statistical British propaganda and it describes the United States Government's advice to American residents to evacuate the Far East as one of the causes of "such wild and groundless rumours."

The newspaper concludes: "So long as American hindrance Japan's advance to the south, she is destined to encounter Japan's stout opposition."

Greek pursuit of the enemy continues.

A duel with occasional artillery fire is reported from the extreme northern sector of the front where extensive Italian troop movements have been noted, probably in order to relieve these front-line detachments with fresh troops in preparation for attempts to stiffen resistance.

Italians Desperate

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—"The Greek offensive in Albania is proceeding according to the plans of the Greek High Command, and news from the front is good," stated the Athens radio to-night.

The announcer continued: "Success has crowned the offensive action of the Greek Army at all points of the front where it was undertaken. More fortified points were captured as the result of spirited attacks by our troops and all objectives were attained."

One of the fortified positions wrested from the enemy was of such vital importance that the Italian High Command ordered a desperate counter-attack to recapture it. A large Italian force was thrown into this action, but in vain. The result was a disaster for the Italians who sustained very heavy losses in killed and wounded, including many officers.

Heavy Loss of Men

"A further Greek advance was made for a considerable distance into enemy territory. Some Italian detachments participating in this counter-attack lost four-fifths of their effectives."

"The Italians, becoming desperate because of the new Greek offensive, are vainly struggling to stem the rising tide of destruction. At one point, they tried to break through the Greek lines in darkness but the withering fire of the Greeks forced the Italians to retreat after terrible losses."

Heavy Italian Losses

ATHENS, Feb. 16 (UP).—The Government spokesman stated that there were more than 1,000 Italian casualties, while another 300 were taken prisoner during the past 24 hours. "Two Blackshirt battalions made counter-attacks and of the 1,200 men in these two battalions only 200 survived."

The spokesman said that the Greeks, attacking at two points, took Italian fortified positions and prisoners as well as war material. The Italians covered their retreat with barbed wire. Just before nightfall, the Italians repeatedly counter-attacked on a 1,500 metre mountain range with the Blackshirts being decimated in the main attack.

Malayan Warning To Ships

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announces the mining of the sea covering the eastern entrance of the Straits of Singapore.

Vessels wishing to pass through the area must apply to the British naval authority for a route.

The area affected is bounded on the north by Lat. 2 deg. 44 mins. north; on the east, by Long. 104 deg. 30 mins. east; on the south, by Lat. 1 deg. 35 mins. north; on the west, by the coast of Malaya.

NO PARADES

"The Military Authorities inform us that there will be no parade of the H.K.V.D.C. Training Cadre and Company on Monday and Tuesday, February 17 and 18."

HOPKINS REPORTS Famous First Words

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—"I don't think Hitler can lick the British" were the first words of Mr Harry Hopkins when he arrived here to-day by clipper on his return from Europe.

He added: "The English are as tough a crowd as I think there is. With the help of this country, there is no question but that England will win the war and it is not going to be a stalemated war."

Mr Hopkins declared that the British needed "a lot of help" and said that he felt sure that they would get it.

Mr Hopkins plans to report to President Roosevelt in Washington to-night.

FOOD for U.K.

Americans Take Up New Cry

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—A nation-wide appeal to President Roosevelt to take steps necessary to ensure Britain's food supplies is being organised.

A letter to Mr Roosevelt already signed by over 100 prominent Americans, after declaring that the American people overwhelmingly agree with the President's statement, that America must become the arsenal of democracy, proceeds:

"The gallant garrisons of democracy may need more than arms; they may need food."

"Hitler's boasts of submarine sinkings to date are only a forecast of what is to come soon. Men no matter how brave, in order to fight victoriously on land, sea and in the air must know that starvation cannot threaten the homes they are defending. It is within our power to see that such a threat does not materialise."

Conquered Peoples

The letter says that conquered peoples "whose food is being stolen from them to feed the German armies of occupation" can be helped only by being freed from the yoke of the oppressor, but Americans can see to it that their only hope of liberation is not destroyed as it would be if the British Isles should be reduced through starvation.

The signatories ask the President to take such steps as may be necessary to make us not only the arsenal but the larder of democracy."

Nazi & Bulgarian Leaders To Meet

BASLE, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—A meeting between the German and Bulgarian leaders is expected shortly, says the "National Zeitung," Berlin correspondent. He adds that political and diplomatic circles believe that important decisions are imminent.

Danube Packed With Ice

VICHY, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—Large masses of ice in the Danube below Budapest have caused an extremely critical situation in certain districts where the water is already level with the top of the protective dykes, says a Budapest despatch.

Hungarian troops with 10,000 sandbags are striving to stem the threatened floods and are preparing to blow up the ice with dynamite.

EAST AFRICA

Keren Attack Grows Stronger

CAIRO, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The concentration of additional troops about Keren in Eritrea is proceeding satisfactorily while the advance of the northern column continues, says a British G.H.Q. communique.

The British have re-occupied the frontier post of Kismayu, in Abyssinia, and in Italian Somaliland operations continue for the development of the British success at Kismayu.

Kurmuk Retaken

CAIRO, Feb. 16 (UP).—The re-occupation of Kurmuk, 360 miles south-east of Khartoum, ousted the Italians from their last frontier post in Sudanese territory. The Italians are now retreating over the Abyssinian border.

In Eritrea, the British northern column is reported to have advanced more than half way to Keren, midway between Nakea and Kurhuan. Indications that the British are bringing up reinforcements for a final assault on Keren were given in to-day's communique.

We Take 10,000 sq. Miles

NAIROBI, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—With the occupation of Kismayu, the whole of the south-western portion of Italian Somaliland up to the line of the Juba River, is now over-run by British troops.

Approximately 10,000 square miles of enemy territory, an area greater than Wales, have fallen into British hands.

Units of the British Navy are co-operating by bombing enemy concentrations on the coast.

On the northern sector, South African units have made further progress and numerous friendly natives have welcomed the advancing troops. The natives complained of bad treatment, such as the forcible removal of their wives, children and stock by the Italians.

Springboks Take The Air

CAIRO, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The activities of the South African Air Force during the week-end included the bombing of a pontoon bridge between Gohwen in Italian Somaliland and Jumbo, hitting several pontoons and causing part of the bridge to sink.

Wire entanglements were also bombed and a block-house was destroyed.

R.A.F. Bomb Effectively

ATHENS, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—Further heavy raids on enemy positions in the area to the north of Klisura were made by R.A.F. bombers to-day in the face of unfavourable weather. The military camps, supply dumps and gun emplacements were effectively bombed.

R.A.F. Continues Its "Blitz" On Rhodes

CAIRO, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. "blitz" on the Dodecanese island of Rhodes continued on Friday night, it was reported to-day. Switching again from aerodrome targets, heavy bombers carried out a second attack on the harbour installations.

Bombs fell among the buildings at Lindos harbour and started a number of fires. "Blitz" is now in its second week.

R.A.F. co-operation in the Greek offensive yesterday also included offensive patrols in the Tepelini area, according to a communique issued here.

The South African Air Force, having gained virtual air supremacy over Italian Somaliland, continues to hammer away at the retreating enemy with remorseless energy. The aircraft which yesterday harassed the Italians in the Jelib Omo River

Western Ruhr, Boulogne, Calais And Rotterdam Bombed by R.A.F.

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—Objectives in the Western Ruhr were the main targets of a considerable attack by British bombers last night, says the Air Ministry. The targets included oil installations in an inland port and aerodromes.

A large number of high explosive bombs were seen to explode in the target areas, causing many large fires.

The port of Rotterdam was also attacked. Bombs were seen to burst in the dock area.

Other bombers carried out a successful sustained routine attack on docks at Boulogne and many large fires were started.

From all these operations, two British aircraft are missing.

Coastal Command aircraft also raided the docks at Calais last night without loss.

From other operations of the Coastal Command yesterday, three British aircraft are missing.

Nazis Lose 12 Planes
LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—During the week ending midnight on February 15, twelve German and three British aircraft were destroyed over Britain.

On February 9, three German planes were destroyed; on February 10, one German; on February 12, one German; on February 14, one German and one British; and on February 15, six German and two British.

The British fighter lost on February 14 was the first destroyed in the fighter patrol area since January 4—that is, 41 days.

German Claims
LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—According to a German High Command communique, German reconnaissance planes inflicted severe damage on two merchant ships yesterday in the Thames Estuary and in the Humber.

The communique also states that military long-range guns shelled important military objectives in southern England on Friday and Saturday and that German dive-bombers attacked British bases in Crete with heavy calibre bombs.

Concerning Saturday night's raids on Britain, the communique says that TURN TO BACK PAGE, COLUMN 5

BRITISH CONVOY ATTACKED

Battle In Harbour

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

FUNCHAL, Feb. 16 (UP).—Six British and three Greek ships were sunk to-day in Funchal, Madeira Island, when they were attacked by German raiders.

It is reported that the raiders suddenly appeared among a convoy of twelve ships with guns blazing in all directions.

The anchored vessels replied, but nine of them, including three Greek ships, were sunk.

It is believed that the three other ships escaped to the Azores.

Berlin Communique

BERLIN, Feb. 16 (UP).—The German High Command to-day announced that a German U-boat sank three armed merchantmen totalling 19,000 tons and a warship operating overseas sank a 10,000 ton vessel. Luftwaffe sank two merchantmen totalling 10,000 tons, and set fire to a third.

RACING CARNIVAL

New Record Set In Opening Event

An auspicious start was made this morning to the 1941 racing carnival, when V. V. Needa brought home T.K.L.'s O-Lan to win the first race, the Challenge Cup, in the record time of 3.20 1/2.

The previous fastest time for the 131 miles was 3.32 1/2 established by Liberty Bay.

The weather was overcast, but there was quite a good attendance. O-Lan beat Eve of Harvest by two lengths in the opening event, with Burford a short head behind Eve of Harvest.

Results follow:

1—11.30 A.M.—CHALLENGE CUP—For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. To be won two years consecutively by a pony or ponies the bona fide property of the same owner or owners. One and three quarter miles. (S. W. Tan) 1

T.K.L.'s O-Lan 140 lb. (V. V. Needa) 1
Eve's Eve of Harvest 140 lb. (W. H. Davis) 2
Quartermaster's Burford 152 lb. (S. W. Tan) 3

Six starters. Won by two lengths; short head. Best Time—3.20 1/2 (Record). Previous Best Liberty Bay 3.32 1/2.

Part-mutuel—Winner \$31.70. Places \$10.10; \$20.00; \$5.00.

2—12.30 P.M.—SYDNEY NAIDEN STAKES.—(First Section)—For Australian Subscription ponies of 1941. Weight for inches as per scale. Six furlongs. Naiden's United Express 122 lb. (Ip Kui-ying) 1

S.K.'s Fresh Air 140 lb. (D. G. Wood) 2
C.N.I.C.'s Newborn Star 152 lb. (D. H. S. Craven) 3

18 starters. Won by five lengths; half a length. Time—1.18 1/2.

Part-mutuel—Winner \$7.20. Places \$0; \$0; \$10.00.

Cash Sweeps

No. 201 RACE 1 \$1,332.70
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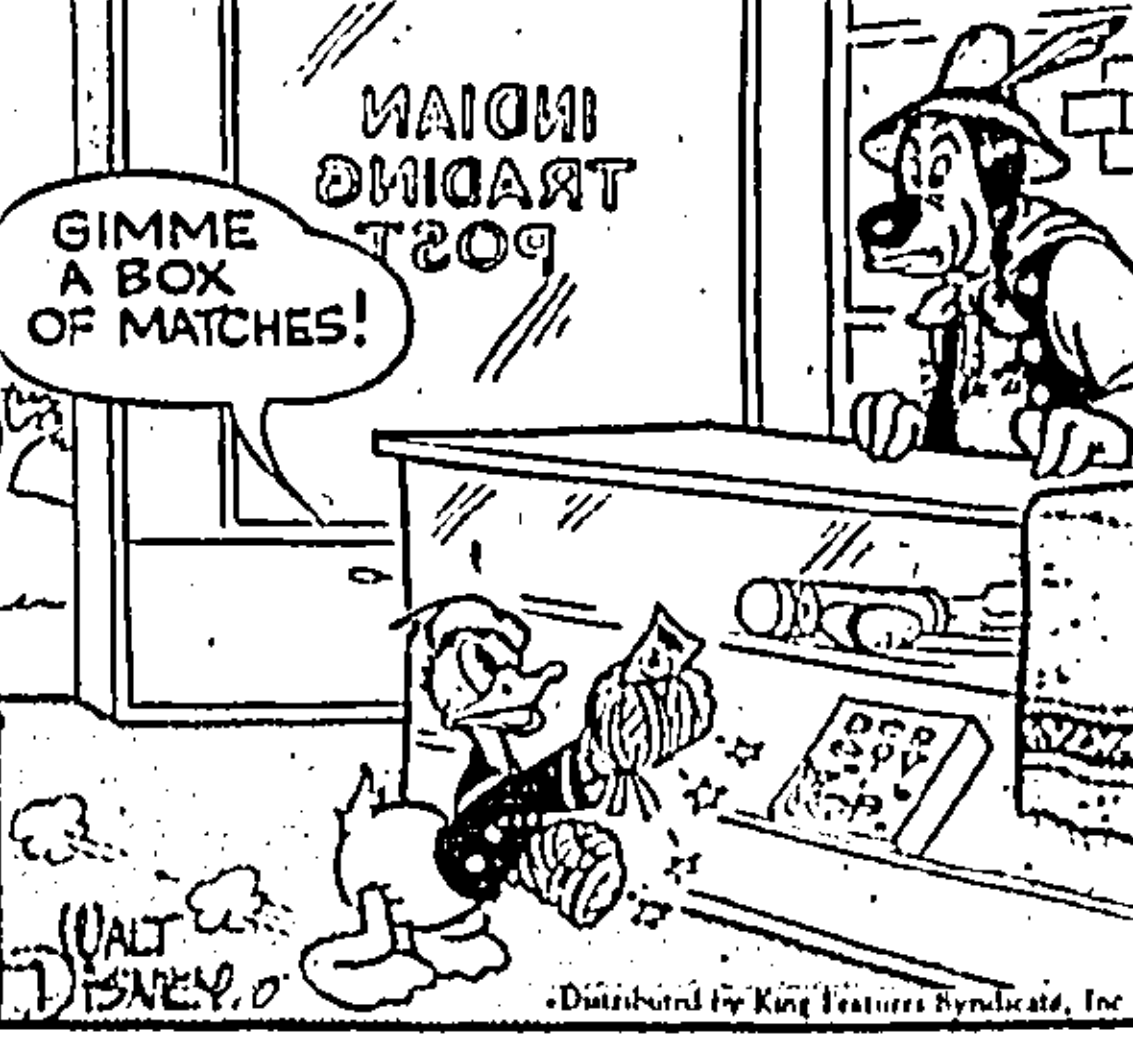
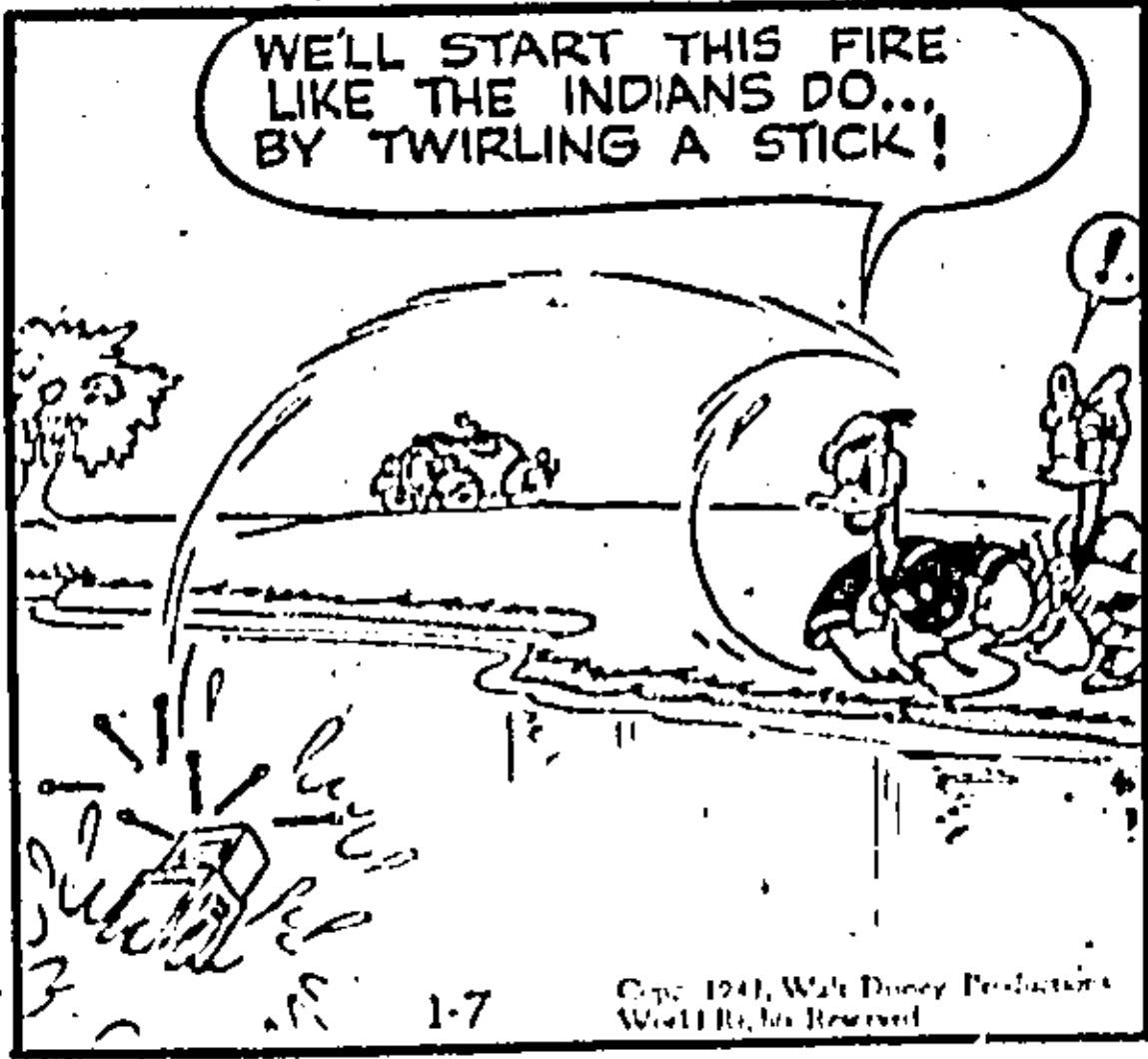
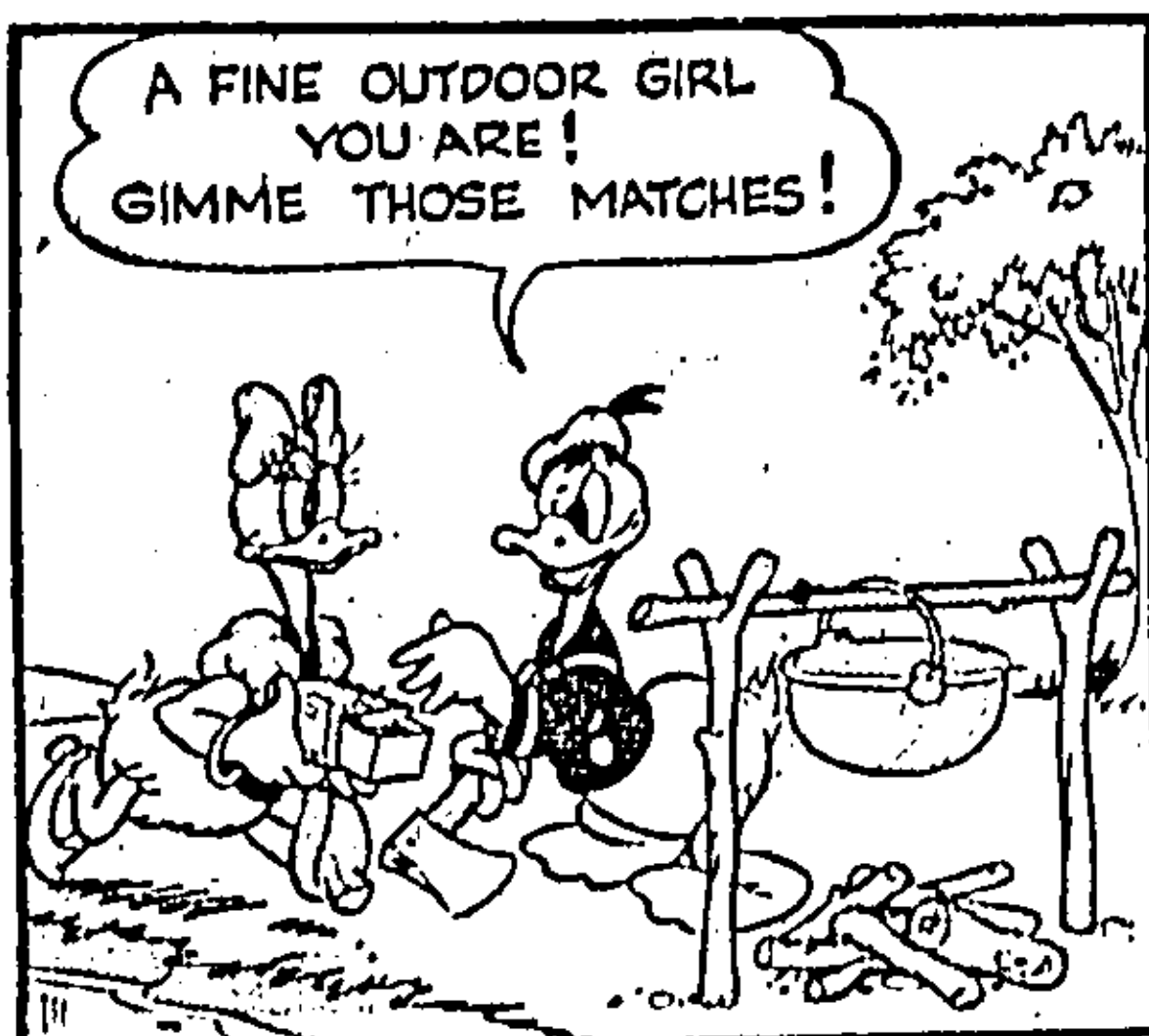
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1.00 Adagio Bolero, Soloperte, Lucia (Hm "La Cuzonella Amore").
1.05 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Some Welsh Songs.
1.15 Hand of His Majesty's Coldstream Guards.
1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 Variety.
2.15 Close down.
5.45 Indian Programme.
6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.
6.32 Selections from Gilbert and Sullivan's "Ruddigore".
7.00 London Relay—The News.
7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Week.
7.30 Studio—Talk on Ballet illustrated by gramophone records.
8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 This week's programmes.
8.07 Negro Spirituals.
Lay Down Late (arr. Gellett).
Paul Robeson (Bass) "Hallelujah, Hallelujah" (arr. Gellett).
"Every Time I Feel De Spirit" (arr. Brown).
Paul Robeson and Lawrence Brown with Piano. Work All De Summer. Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel; Paul Robeson (Bass) with Piano.
8.15 London Relay—"H. Gang".
8.30 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
9.30 Moussorgsky—"Pictures at an Exhibition" Suite.
Promenade—Gnomes—The Old Castle—Tulleries—Bydlo Ballet of the Unhatched Children—Samuel Goldenberg and Schumyle—The Market Place in Limoges—Catalombes—The Hat on Fowls' Legs—The Great Gate—Kiev—Boston Symphony Orchestra conducted by Koussevitzky.
10.00 Songs by Theodore Chailapine (Bass).
Black Eyes; The Prisoner (Rubinstein).
10.10 Ellen Joyce at the Piano.
Caprice Espagnol (Moszkowski); Nocturne No. 2 in D Major (Schumann). Devotion (Liebesold) (Schumann-arr. Liszt); Viennese Dance No. 2 (Gartner).
10.25 A Programme of English Music.
Saxo-Rhapsody (Eric Coates); Signor Buscher (Symphonie) with Symphonie Orchestra, cond. by Eric Coates. Sons of the Sea (Coleridge-Taylor); Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra. I Pitch My Lonely Caravan; Bird Songs at Eventide I heard you Singing (from Two Symphonies—Eric Coates); New Light Symphony Orch. Come Away, Death (Quilter); Derek Oldham (Tenor) with Violin, Cello and Piano. Where The Rainbow Ends—Selection (Quilter); Sidney Torch (Organ).
11.0 Close down.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

DONATIONS TO THE FUND FOR BOMBER

A total of \$102,012.35 was reached on Saturday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:
Hongkong Football Club "Counter Collection" (fourth donation) \$ 30
Taikoo Dockyard Spare Gear (weekly donation) 10.10
Jack Watson's Farewell 10
EMERGENCY REFUGEE COUNCIL
The S. C. M. Post has received the following donation to the Emergency Refugee Council (with donation) \$10.
DONATIONS WAITING
Donations for the following Organizations await collection at the office of the S. C. M. Post: Hongkong Benevolent Society; H.W.O.F.; St. Andrews Society; Blind Home; Fukutani Emergency Refugee Council; Street Sweepers' Shelter Society; Lepers' Fund; Vincent de Paul Relief Fund for British Prisoners of War.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held in the Jacobean Room of the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 15th March, 1941, at NOON for the following purposes, namely, to consider the annual statement of accounts and the balance sheet and the reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon, to elect directors and auditors in the place of those retiring, to declare a dividend, to appropriate the balance of Profit and Loss Account as recommended by the Directors, and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE is also given that the Share Transfer Registers will be closed from 1st March, 1941, to 15th March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
R. A. WICKERSON,
Secretary and Manager.
Hongkong, 14th February, 1941.

TRANS PACIFIC FREIGHT BUREAU

Notice to Shippers

Effective April 1, 1941 freight rates in current tariff will be increased by approximately 10%. An amended tariff is being issued.
Hongkong, February 15, 1941.

THE "STAR" FERRY CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, the 28th February, 1941, at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 19th February, 1941, to Friday, the 28th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1941.

NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—

South China Morning Post
China and Macao
16 cents per copy
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25 cents per copy

The Hongkong Telegraph
China and Macao
14 cents per copy
16 cents Saturdays

British and Foreign
20 cents per copy
25 cents Saturdays.



Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/27 1/2
Demand London	1/27 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	42 1/2
T.T. Singapore	52 3/4
T.T. Japan	102 1/4
T.T. India	82 1/4
T.T. U.S.A.	24
T.T. Manila	48
T.T. Batavia	48
T.T. Bangkok	149 1/4
T.T. Saigon	104
T.T. France	100
T.T. Switzerland	102 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/2

BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/31 1/4
4 m/s D/P London	1/31 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	24 1/4
4 m/s France	100
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/2

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks	1,400 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.)	77 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.)	77 n.
Chartered	7 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. E.	23 n.
Mercantile, C. & E.	11 1/4 n.
East Asia	76 b.

INSURANCES

Cantons	215 b.
Union S.	412 1/2 b.
China Underwriters	1 n.
H.K. Fire	170 b.

SHIPPING

Douglas S.	135 n.
Steamboats S.	100 n.
Indo-China S.	60 n.
Indo-China S.	41/10 1/2 n.
Waterboats S.	7 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves S.	98 n.
Docks (old) S.	17 n.
Docks (new) S.	17 n.
Providents S.	25 n.
Shai Dockyards S.	20 n.

MINING

Kallan S.	18 n.
Ruby S.	8 n.
H.K. Mines	1 1/4 cts. n.

LANDS

Hotel S.	3.60 n.
Lands S.	34 1/4 n.
Lands 4% Debentures	10.80 n.
Shai Lands S.	7.05 n.
Humphreys S.	3.70 n.
Chinese Estates S. x d.	98 n.

UTILITIES

Trams S.	17.00 n.
Peaks-Trams (old) S.	7 1/2 n.
Peak Trams (new) S.	3 1/2 n.
Star Ferries S.	57 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries S.	24 1/2 n.
China Lights (old) S.	1.97 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric (old) S.	3.03 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric (new) S.	17 1/4 n.
Maeco Electric (old) S.	10 1/4 n.
Maeco Electric (new) S.	12 n.
Sandakan Lights S.	24 1/4 n.
Telephones (old) S.	10.20 n.
Telephones (new) S.	10.20 n.

INDUSTRIALS

Cald; Macg. (Ord.) S.	30 n.
Cald; Macg. (Pref.) S.	25 n.
Canton Iron S.	17.00 n.
Cement S.	17.00 n.
H.K. Ropes S.	8 1/2 n.

STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms S.	10.20 n.
Watsons S.	11/10.95 n.
Lane Crawfords S.	7 1/2 n.
Sinceres S.	2.15 n.
Wink On (H.K.) S.	30 n.
Powell Ltd. S.	1.00 n.

COTTON MILLS

Evo Sh. S.	37 1/4 n.
Shai Cotton Sh. S.	205 n.

MISC.

H.K. Govt 4% S.	98 1/4 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1934) S.	94 1/4 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1940) S.	94 1/4 n.
Ch Govt 5% 1925 G.S.Ds. S.	42/47 n.
H.K. Entertainments S.	1.60 n.
Constructions (new) S.	1 n.
Vibro Piling S.	7.70 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) S.	2/6 n.

British Lose Flying Boat

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The British flying boat "Clyde" was sunk in the River Tago at Lisbon yesterday during a hurricane which swept the Portuguese capital, it is learned in London.

The Clyde was recently employed in the West African service of British Airways.

Britons Stay Despite Evacuation Notices

YOKOHAMA, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—Despite the evacuation advice, local Britons and Americans, numbering over 1,000, show no signs of leaving Japan, states the daily, "Hochi."

It is understood that Britons and Americans who have already returned home since September totalled only 140.

Foreign companies are said to be carrying on as usual.

Shanghai Notice
The British Embassy has issued notices to-day renewing the advice of last October to Britons to evacuate occupied China.

The following is the text of the press release issued by the Embassy: "It will be recalled that in October last, the British authorities advised enquirers that any British subjects who had no good reason for remaining should consider the advisability of leaving occupied China. This advice still holds good."

"The decision whether to leave or remain and any consequent arrangements, must be made individually according to personal circumstances. In coming to a decision, however, it must be realised that it will almost certainly be impossible to provide special facilities for departure at short notice. It should also be borne in mind that Far Eastern shipping services are already seriously curtailed, that accommodation in occupying ships is limited and that booking should be made well in advance of the sailing dates."

Aid Britain Bill

Probable Request

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—Administrative leaders hint that President Roosevelt will probably request \$1,000,000,000 in appropriations and contract authority to build planes, ships, tanks, guns and munitions immediately the Aid Britain Bill is approved.

It is predicted that the Senate, which begins to debate the Bill tomorrow, will approve the measure with some amendments within a fortnight. A comfortable majority of votes in favour is expected.

The Final Lap

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (UP).—The Lend and Lease Bill starts its final lap through Congress on Monday, with the Senate oppositionists aware of the fact that enactment is certain; however, they are determined to do their utmost to curtail some of the vast powers which the measure gives to President Roosevelt. Party leaders forecast Senate approval within ten days.

FORD'S STRANGE ATTITUDE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ATLANTA, Ga. Feb. 16 (UP).—Mr. Henry Ford is opposed to a victory on either side in the European war, according to a copyright article appearing in the Atlanta Constitution.

The newspaper quoted Mr. Ford as saying "Give them—Britain and the Axis Powers—tools to keep on fighting until both collapse. There is no righteousness in either cause. Both are motivated by the same evil impulses which is greed."

Hurricane Derails Electric Train

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MADRID, Feb. 16 (UP).—It is estimated that 150 persons were killed or injured when a wind of hurricane proportions derailed an electric train between Bilbao and San Sebastian. Sixteen bodies have been recovered and 120 sent to hospital.

The accident climaxed two days of gales over a wide area of Spain.

Britain Said Seeking Military Alliance

TOKYO, Feb. 17 (Reuter).—Britain is negotiating with Chungking for a military alliance, says the "Yomiuri" correspondent in Bangkok. The proposed alliance is aimed at establishing a joint Anglo-Chinese defence in the Far East and would provide the enlistment of Chinese in the South Seas in the British Army, according to the paper.

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Shelling of Genoa

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—Italian casualties in the British bombardment of Genoa on February 9, according to the official Italian news agency, totalled 144 killed and 272 injured.

Ex-King Alfonso's Condition

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—A bulletin issued in Rome this evening states that ex-King Alfonso's condition has not worsened during the past 24 hours and that he has passed a fairly quiet day.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS

1—Object	2—Field of snow
3—Part of mouth	4—College of officers
5—Vaccines	6—Leather strip
7—Biblic tube	8—Onion
9—Old English court	10—Water
11—Edible tuber	12—Composite
13—Rhinoc	14—Person with strong voice
15—Medieval barbarian	16—Irish
17—Dance	18—Place in play
19—Leather maker	20—Public assembly
21—Parent	22—Accident
23—Donkey	24—Ocean
25—Article	26—Exclamation
27—Drunkard	28—Hit lightly
29—Pathful	30—Hoax
31—Friend (French)	32—One who equates
33—Anger	34—Within
35—Proud	36—Blazer
37—Individual	38—Place in Belgium
39—Final child	39—Debit tax
40—Thoroughfare	41—Walrus
41—Greek "no"	42—Hood (arch sp.)
43—Thoroughfare	43—Flat plate
44—Accident	44—Accident
45—Thousand billion	45—One opposed
46—Medieval blit	46—Land's name
47—Comfort	47—Wooden pins
48—Light cars	48—Examination
49—Cloth stainer	49—Fable

DOWN

1—Kingdom near Assyria

2—Pride; three

3—Direction

4—Kingdom near Assyria

5—Pride; three

6—Direction

7—Kingdom near Assyria

8—Pride; three

9—Direction

10—Kingdom near Assyria

11—Pride; three

12—Direction

13—Kingdom near Assyria

14—Pride; three

15—Direction

16—Kingdom near Assyria

17—Pride; three

18—Direction

19—Kingdom near Assyria

Hongkong News of the Week

A Page For The Evacuees

Monday

February 10

Situation At Shau-chung. While rumors are current that the Japanese are evacuating Shau-chung, the town off Mira Bay, most Chinese sources agree that the Japanese have remained there, although their garrison has been considerably weakened. The Japanese garrison at Shau-chung is believed to be only 300, most of them having been sent to relieve Tamshui.

It is, however, reliably learned that hundreds of Chinese refugees and landing coolies at Shau-chung are facing starvation as their food supplies from Hongkong have been cut and many were prevented by the Japanese from leaving. The Hongkong-Shau-chung ferries have not resumed running.

At Shau-chung and Kweichow the Japanese arrested many guerrilla suspects, including some innocent villagers. Chinese reports allege. Many matches built by transportation companies as temporary godowns were destroyed. Some of the guerrilla suspects were imprisoned by the Japanese at the Wai-chow Restaurant, Shau-chung, and by day they were forced to help the Japanese in rebuilding the damage highways near Shau-chung.

Guerrillas' Success. Chinese sources report that after a counter-attack Chinese troops have recaptured both Tamshui, north of Mira Bay, and Leung which is along the Canton-Kowloon railway. After the Chinese entry into Tamshui the Japanese troops, numbering about 1,000 men withdrew to the north.

Prior to the Chinese recapture of Tamshui the Japanese last week invaded Wing Woo; but the guerrillas there gave them surprisingly strong resistance, which forced the advance.

When the Japanese first landed at Mira Bay, the original scheme was to occupy Tamshui, Lung Kong and finally Wai-chow. But after the battle at Tamshui the Japanese found that the Chinese had a stronger force in this sector of the East River zone than they first anticipated. For the reason the 10,000 or so Japanese who had been assembled between Shek-lung and Po On have remained there.

An important Japanese army conference, was held at Namtau last week in which a Japanese divisional commander from Canton discussed the East River campaign with the commanders at Po On. The same

officer left later for Mira Bay, where he inspected the defences.

Advance from Shumchun

At Shumchun the Japanese who advanced north to attack Ping Wu and Wai-chow, found that the Chinese strongly entrenched. During the Japanese retreat from places around Ping Wu they destroyed over 800 houses and shops in the small villages there. At Ping Wu Market, over 80 per cent. of the shops were destroyed.

At Kait, another town along the Canton-Kowloon railway, is still being held by the Japanese; but the Chinese who recaptured Leung are known to be preparing a drive to recapture Po Kait as soon as reinforcements arrive from north Kwangtung.

Between Friday and Saturday, villagers at Sha Wan near Namtau saw fifteen railway coaches of Japanese soldiers and wounded being sent to Namtau, en route to Canton.

Since the Japanese landing off Mira Bay, many Chinese transportation companies here with offices in Hongkong are now diverting their goods to Shuntung, Loing, Yeung Kong and Lin Kong in southern Kwangtung, from where the goods are sent to Shumchun through a more maintainable route. As goods sent by this new route go by launches or junks, they will take several more days to reach their destination in north Kwangtung, where large quantities of foreign paper, medicines, piece-goods and motor-car parts are imported from Hongkong.

Prisoners At Work. Prisoners at Stanley are actively engaged in air raid preparations within the prison walls. Two machines turn out nearly 200 concrete blocks every day for the erection of shelters for the prisoners.

The working activities of the prisoners extends beyond the confines of the establishment. Major J. L. Williams, Superintendent of Prisons, confirmed yesterday.

Two acres of land just outside the prison have been cultivated and are now producing vegetables and other agricultural produce for prison consumption. At Ytiam and in the new military areas large gangs of prisoners are engaged in anti-malaria work, and sometimes this work, which is men, take them as far away from men take them as far away from Stanley as Cape d'Aguilar.

Tuesday

February 11

Cleaning Up Colony. A completely new Defence Regulation, authorizing deportation of persons other than natives of the Colony, whether British subjects or not, was promulgated in the Government Gazette Extraordinary yesterday afternoon.

The various grounds on which such deportation can be ordered are set out in the notification states:

(1) In exercise of the powers conferred on him by the Emergency Powers (Colonial Defence) Order in Council, 1939, and the Emergency Powers (Colonial Defence) (Amendment) Order in Council, 1940, and all other powers enabling him in that behalf, His Excellency the Governor, acting by the Government makes the following regulation which shall be inserted in and shall form part of the Defence Regulations, 1939, published in the Government Gazette Extraordinary of 25th June, 1940, as subsequently amended—

50.—(1) If the Governor deems it necessary or expedient in the interests of public safety, defence or efficient prosecution of the war, or for essential to the life of the community, he may by order direct that any or all of the persons to whom this regulation applies shall be removed from the Colony.

(2) This regulation shall apply to—

(a) any person, not being a native of this Colony (whereof the proof shall be upon such person), who, whether a British subject or not, is—

(i) a person who has been in breach of any enactment, or any order or direction under any enactment, for the time being in force relating to such entry or having entered the Colony, remains therein in breach of any such enactment, order or direction or of any permission given thereunder or of any condition attached to such permission; or

(ii) is the subject of a restriction or detention order under regulation 17 or 18.

(b) persons, or any class of persons, who are not British subjects, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, any person who—

(i) is diseased, maimed, blind, idiot, lunatic or decrepit, and without the means of subsistence and who may be hindered by his state from earning a livelihood; or

(ii) cannot show that he has in his possession, or that he is physically able to earn, the means of decently supporting himself and his dependants if any, or that he is able to obtain such support in this Colony.

(c) is a professional beggar or vagrant or a person likely to become a charge upon the public or upon any public charitable institution.

(d) is suffering from a contagious disease which is noxious or dangerous;

(e) has entered this Colony and, being a person for whom a passport is necessary, was not at the time of such entry in possession of a valid passport, or is in possession of a forged or altered passport or of a passport which does not comply with any regulations in force relating to passports;

(vi) has been deported, banished or expelled from any country or state or has been shipped by the Government authorities of any country or state with a view to his being repatriated;

(vii) is suspected of being likely to promote sedition or to cause a disturbance of the public tranquillity;

(viii) cannot show that he has a definite employment or that he has a reasonable prospect of obtaining employment in this Colony;

(ix) is a prostitute or a person living on the earnings of prostitution;

(x) has entered this Colony and at the time of such entry was not in possession of such certificates as were required under any quarantine regulations then in force.

Competent Authority

(3) Where an order is made under this regulation, a competent authority may give such directions to or in respect of any person affected by the order as may be necessary to secure compliance with it; any such direction may be given verbally or in writing and may prescribe the times at which the routes or vessels, aircraft or vehicles by which persons are to leave this Colony and the places outside this Colony to which persons are to go.

(4) A competent authority may, to such extent and subject to such restrictions as it thinks proper, delegate all or any of its functions under this regulation to any specified persons or classes of persons.

(5) Without prejudice to any other method of enforcement provided in these regulations, all order under this regulation shall be sufficient authority to—

(a) all police officers to arrest and detain any person to whom the order relates for any period not exceeding fourteen days, or such further or extended period as the Governor may in any case determine, pending the removal of such person from this Colony; and

(b) all police officers and to the master and crew of any vessel, the persons in charge of any aircraft or the guards and attendants of any train or other vehicle to use within this Colony and the territorial waters thereof such force and restraint as may be necessary to carry out the order and any directions under paragraph (3) relating thereto.

(6) Any person failing to comply with the provisions of paragraph (3) shall be deemed to be in lawful custody and shall be detained in such place as may be authorized by the Governor and in accordance with instructions issued by him.

It is also notified that His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint the Chief Security for the purpose of the above regulation.

New Hospital. A new and up-to-date hospital in the Upper Levels, capable of accommodating 60 patients will be opened next week. The chief promoters are Mr. Wai Siu-pak and Dr. T. C. Yip, and several other doctors are also interested in the scheme.

The hospital is at 1 Babington Path, and consists of two separate paths and blocks which were formerly residential buildings. The cost of the property and converting it into a hospital was approximately \$320,000.

Review Of

The

Principal

Topics

February 9

To Feb. 15

Wednesday

February 12

Hongkong's Buses. Cable advice has been received by the China Motor Bus Company that the first two of the 30 Daimler chassis ordered for the double-decker-buses a year ago, will be shipped within the next three months, and it is expected that the balance will arrive, two at a time, at monthly intervals.

This was revealed by Mr. Ngan Shing-kwan, General Manager of the Company, when he disclosed that the Company's \$1,000,000 scheme for running 60-passenger double-decker buses on the lower level routes in Hongkong will thus be delayed for another year-and-a-half or two years.

The original scheme, Mr. Ngan said, was to get the chassis equipped with all-metal bodies from England at a cost of £1,725 per chassis and £1,000 for the body. But it was later decided to import the chassis only and build the bodies in Hongkong.

Unfortunately owing to war conditions in Europe, it is difficult to obtain deliveries and at the present rate it may be the end of 1942 before the first complete fleet of the Colony's double-decker-buses is in service. If the two chassis due to be shipped in May arrive here before August, the first double-decker bus should be in service by the beginning of September. This will, to some extent, relieve the over-crowding on the lower level routes which has been a cause of complaint for some time.

The estimated cost of importing the first 30 chassis, building the bodies and equipping the vehicles for service is estimated at approximately \$1,000,000, and the Company is anxious to get on with the scheme, but delays in delivery caused by the war are holding up the project.

Plaque Falls From Statue. The bronze plaque from the statue of the late King George V, erected in Hongkong in 1907 when he was Prince of Wales, was found lying at the foot of the statue in the early hours of yesterday morning by a Chinese constable on patrol duty in Statue Square, and taken to the Central Police Station.

Some of the screws which held the plaque in place were found missing giving an impression that an attempt had been made to steal the plaque, but a closer inspection revealed rust marks in the screw beds, indicating that they had fallen off earlier and that the weight of the plaque was too much for the solitary screw left.

The plaque was sent to the Public Works Department to be re-fixed.

St David's Society. The annual meeting of St David's Society was held to-night when the following members were present—Messrs. E. I. Wynne-Jones, R. E. Selwyn-Jones, E. R. Price, D. F. Davies, D. Morgan Richards, Richard Edwards, W. J. Curd, E. C. Thomas, W. T. Lewis and Mrs. W. T. Lewis (Secretary).

The election of officers resulted—President, Mr. D. Morgan Richards; Vice-President, Mr. W. Aneurin Jones (Vice-President); D. S. Jones, E. I. Wynne-Jones, R. E. Selwyn-Jones, E. R. Price, D. F. Davies, D. Morgan Richards, Richard Edwards, W. J. Curd, E. C. Thomas, W. T. Lewis and Mrs. W. T. Lewis (Secretary).

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It was decided that the celebration of St David's Day should take the form of a cocktail party to which members could invite guests from the Services.

Badminton Games. In the B. division of the badminton league to-night resulted.

King's College beat Jewish Recreation Club 7-2.

K. L. Lui and J. Pau lost to J. Odell and M. Talan 17-21; beat A. R. Godkin and S. Tammer 17-21; beat A. R. Godkin and J. Odell 21-6.

S. P. Chan and K. J. Atwell beat Odell and Talan 21-13; beat Godkin and Rambler 21-14; beat Pollak and Odell 21-7.

W. C. Chung and K. H. Lo lost to Odell and Talan 20-23; beat Godkin and Rambler 25-22; beat Pollak and Odell 21-12.

Police v St John's. Police lost to St John's 3-0. A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Byly beat S. Eardley and D. Kwok 14-21; beat N. Smith and W. Whitley 21-12; beat R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd 21-3.

H. Dingle and H. S. Liu lost to Eardley and Kwok 17-21; lost to Smith and Whitley 17-21; beat Maynard and Ladd 21-17.

T. J. Mackay and R. Hogarth lost to Eardley and Kwok 5-21; lost to Smith and Whitley 9-21; lost to Maynard and Ladd 11-21.

Inspector S. SHEPHERD. Inspector Sidney Shepherd, who has been Divisional Inspector (South) since March 1939, with headquarters at the Water Police Station, is also proceeding on leave prior to retirement on pension. He has been in the Police 25 years.

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Born at St Paul's, Hantsgate, England, Mr. Marks came to Hongkong with the Bullis (the Royal Warranted Kent Regiment) and joined the Police on July 29, 1908, as a constable. He was promoted Lance-Sergeant in 1914, Sub-Inspector in 1920, and Inspector in October, 1925. In November, 1931, he was appointed Examiner of Weights and Measures, and in February, 1933, was appointed Acting Chief Inspector.

He attained the substantive rank of Chief Inspector in August of the same year.

After acting as an Assistant Superintendent of Police since May, 1937, Mr. Marks was substantiated in the rank of Inspector in February, 1938.

In March, 1928, he was awarded the 4th Class Police Medal for good work as Divisional Inspector at Yumadi and received the 3rd Class Police Medal for long and faithful service. He was decorated with the Colonial Police Long Service Medal in June, 1937, and was given a bar to the Medal in July, 1939.

During his period of service, Mr. Marks has had five home leaves. He is 51 years of age.

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Sing Tao	1 Middlesex 2
Royal Scots	2 Club 10
Kwong Wah	2 Eastern 10
Police	2 Kowloon 1
Second Division	
R.A.O.C.	3 Royal Navy 1
Star F.C.	3 Kowloon 1
KIT Chee	4 South China 1
Police	2 Club 1
Police	2 Kwong Wah 1
Third Division	
20th R.A.	• Shell •
24th R.A.	• Royal Signals •
30th R.A.	• R.A.C. •
A.S.A.	0 35th R.A. 4
R.A.M.C.	3 International 5
Lai Wah Cup Final	
Army	2 Civilians 5
Postponed.	

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Buns are, of course, Bards—but, Genna better Navy?

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"Air Force Miss Barry". But by forcing a draw with the Gunners they also Mr. Raspberry.

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The Editor believes that reporters should have their hearts broken early. Perhaps this is why so many of them marry young.</

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DEMOCRACY VERSUS DEMAGOGUERY

WHEN Winston Churchill said that he was watching "with deep emotion the stirring processes" by which American democracy is preparing to give Britain the support to hold "the front line," he paid tribute to the ability of a free people to reach decisions by free discussion. On the whole, the American people are displaying a grasp of essentials which deserves that tribute. But some of the performances that have turned the hearings on the lend-lease bill into a sideshow evoke "deep emotion" which is far from admiration.

The witnesses before the House Foreign Relations Committee have testified with earnestness and dignity. But when some committee members indulge in such demagoguery, headline hunting, irrelevancies and buffoonery as to disgust fellow members, reporters and the public, the question must rise as to whether democratic processes can survive. Such a display of Nero's fiddling at a time when the world is afire is surely to be deprecated. We believe the vast majority of Americans do deeply disapprove. And the sideshow has not prevented the soberer and important parts of the hearing from carrying to the people the information they seek.

Democracy is strong enough to absorb even demagoguery—if there is time. The most disturbing feature of the hearings is the evidence that so many members of the Committee do not sense the fact that they are able to take time for such hearings only because the British bulwark still holds. We hope the people are adequately awake to that fact.—*Christian Science Monitor.*

BEHIND WASHINGTON POLICY

U.S. EAGER TO KNOW BRITISH WAR AIMS

By

EVERETT HOLLES

(United Press Cables Editor)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (UP).—The United States is anxious to learn, before it goes "all out" in forging masses of weapons for Britain, the full scope of the British war aims, and to be convinced that the unwavering determination is to wipe out Hitlerism in a struggle to the finish.

This is a subject which high Washington officials refuse to discuss publicly, but it can be stated on good authority that they are making quiet and thorough inquiries.

Hopkins' Task

It was one of the principle tasks of President Roosevelt's personal envoy to London, Mr. Harry L. Hopkins, to get the private low-down on Britain's war aims as well as to discuss means of standardisation and collaboration in British and American arms production.

Information from London indicates that Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Winston Churchill have discussed these war aims and have decided not to elaborate upon them publicly at this time because Britain's immediate task, as Churchill has said, is to "exterminate Hitlerism."

But until these war aims are set forth, in regard not only to the crushing of Hitlerism but post-war Britain as well, there will remain some apprehension as to what socialistic imprints will be left in Britain after the conflict.

In contending that Britain is this country's first line of de-

fence, and basing his all-out aid programme on that principle, Mr. Roosevelt must, in order to make his plans effective on a long-range basis, have knowledge of how far Britain intends to go in fighting Hitler.

This, of course, assumes that the British can withstand and repulse Hitler's "supreme attack" to break their resistance, in whatever form that attack may be.

Should the British repulse a German "knock-out" blow and then, feeling their bargaining position to be stronger, consent to a negotiated peace, the United States might be left holding the bag.

From a policy of all-out aid to Britain, perhaps even to the point of sacrificing in the emergency weapons intended for the U. S. armed forces, this country would be forced back almost overnight on the necessity of throwing up a new front line of defence in the western hemisphere.

No Suspicion

This desire to learn the full scope of Britain's war plans does not betray a suspicion of the British, I was assured in high Washington circles, but is motivated by the U. S. Government's insistence "upon building our defences in the most practical, long-range manner."

Progress of the Blockade Germans Spread Coal on Bread

By H. ROBERTSON HOLMES,
famous research chemist.

BRITAIN'S ever-tightening blockade of the continent is forcing Germany to fall back on more and more Ersatz products.

The ingenuity of her chemists is being hard put to it to supply the country's need of vital chemicals and foods.

Meanwhile, the disgruntled German hausfrau faces the winter with real dread.

Well she might. Just before the war began I and a number of other British chemists were at the German Sebacie Acid works at Witten-in-the-Ruhr.

Von Klotzbach; one of the senior chemists of the Krupp combine, lifted a serviette from a dish.

"Lunch is served," he beamed, revealing—a piece of ordinary white deal wood!

"From this block of wood we can get alcohol, sugar, and glue," he said. "And"—uncovering another serviette, to disclose eleven lumps of hard coal—"from this coal we can get rubber, butter, nitric acid, artificial textiles, and toluol, the vital constituent of the high-explosive T.N.T."

'Tastes Like Rubber'

When a German hausfrau grouches, "This butter tastes like rubber," she may be quite right, for a chemical combine of Krupp, Mosch and Haniel-Konzern (who are leaders among the coal "kings" of Germany) are now making artificial butter and rubber from the same lumps of coal, and deriving a considerable profit thereby.

Two questions immediately arise in connection with "Ersatz" stuff:

Have the German chemists any special discoveries which we lack?

Why don't we make "Ersatz" rubber, butter, soap, fabrics and so forth?

So far as the first query is concerned, I can assure you that the bigger combines like Imperial Chemical Industries, Levers, and so on have for years made a close study of Nazi Ersatz, and some of our "espionage" stories in this connection equal any of the spy adventures of the Foreign Office!

We have our own agents actually working in the big German chemical works, and for years our "Fifth Column" chemists have been revealing to us every new discovery of Nazi scientists.

When Krupp could no longer rely on getting good supplies of Chilean nitrates he began to use a secret process for extracting toluol from coal.

Grim Joke

I can assure you that this same system for making high-explosives from coal has been tested in a Nottingham laboratory, but we have no need to waste money on the wholesale development of the scheme.

We can still get our nitrate and other supplies from South America; and were we fooled from doing so we should use an even superior method of obtaining nitrates.

How do they get sugar and alcohol from wood?

Von Klotzbach was the inventor of the steam-treating process that, from 200 lbs. of wood, produces 24 quarts of pure alcohol and 60 lbs. of lignin.

Wood shavings are stored in towers like Canadian wheat towers, and after several months of storage the bags of shavings are steam-treated under great pressure, and the natural resin of the wood is then distilled in the same way that crude oil is turned into petrol.

The resulting Ersatz alcohol works much better in aeroplane engines than the human stomach!

"Mir lauft das Wasser im Mund zusammen (my mouth is watering already)," joked a Nazi doctor when von Klotzbach showed me the block of wood from which he was going to make alcohol. It was a grim joke.

reaching Washington official quarters so far have described the British war spirit as high, Mr. Hopkins will report on his first-hand tour of provincial centres.

3. Whether Britain means, as Mr. Churchill has said, to carry the war back to Germany with an invasion of the continent in 1942, and what resources she will have for such an undertaking, on the basis of the present situation.

4. How the United States can help in preparations for such a British offensive, not only in supplying planes and other arms but, by means of economic warfare, assist to cripple Germany internally.

5. Whether Britain is prepared, in the event of victory, to give full support to Mr. Roosevelt's announcement that this nation insists upon a seat at any peace conference, whether or not she actually enters the war, and will insist upon world-wide disarmament.

6. Whether the British are prepared to give other peoples a free share in the resources of her Empire, righting the maladjustments of the World War settlements and offering them both the material advantages which some of them have obtained from Hitler's own peculiar economic system as well as the advantages of liberty and self-respect.

7. Whether Britain's war aims foresee some sort of a European federation, powerful enough to withstand any attack and providing for the elimination of out-throat economic competition while still protecting the individual identity of various nations.

U.S. Peace Aims

Mr. Roosevelt, making it clear that while the British, weakened in regard to the extent of U. S. planes, men and other resources, is determined to have its say in framing the post-war world, already has set forth in a generalised way the peace discussions.

Suspicion still exists in Washington that some Britons are still waiting quietly "under means disarmaments to a point where and would come forth with a proposal to 'pen up' Hitler on the continent" and save the British overseas Empire.

This British view, according to some reports reaching Washington, contends that British-American naval power could defend the rest of the world and "leave it to Germany and Russia to fight it out on the continent."

Should Britain, within the next six months, suddenly agree to any sort of a negotiated peace, there would be one of the worst snarls imaginable in the U. S. arms programme, it is admitted in Washington.

"Fluid" State

The entire month-to-month schedule for arms shipments to Britain would be thrown completely out of gear, because these arms are being produced for Britain's specific needs rather than primarily for western hemisphere defence under Mr. Roosevelt's proposals.

Washington appears to have only the most meagre information now regarding Britain's war aims, despite the hand-in-hand functioning of the two governments, and to most inquiries the British are reported to have replied that the situation being what it is, these aims necessarily are in a "fluid" state. Nevertheless, it is apparent that this lack of information is not without effect upon both our arms production programme and the course of U. S. foreign policy on a long-range basis.

Information Sought

Through Mr. Hopkins and other channels Washington is anxious to learn:

1. Whether there is any danger that Britain, after some sort of a victory bolstering the British bargaining position, would negotiate a peace in the manner which Mr. Roosevelt has said "would bring no security for ourselves or our neighbours."

2. The actual state of morale among the British people, not only the leaders but the people of the provinces. All reports

A New Halifax

In connection with Washington's speculation as to the fibre of "negotiated peace" feeling in Britain, there is an interesting story going the rounds regarding the American First Committee, the United States, Viscount Halifax.

The fact that Mr. Churchill chose a man closely associated with the Chamberlain policy of "negotiation" has an explanation, according to this story.

Lord Halifax came to the United States because of his former views, not in spite of them, it is said. His task is to inform non-interventionists, and such groups as the American First Committee, that Britain is determined to see the war through to the complete crushing of Hitlerism; that he, once known as an appeaser, represents this changed and hardened policy in British Tory circles.

As to non-interventionism in the United States, Administration supporters assert that it is cracking up far more rapidly than in 1914-1917. This, it is claimed, can be attributed as much to Hitler's reaction as to President Roosevelt's policies in themselves.

Hitler's Attitude

Last year, when I accompanied Under-Secretary of State Sumner Welles on his tour of Europe's belligerent capitals, the German attitude toward the United States appeared to be that non-intervention sentiment would outweigh any aggressive Roosevelt policies as regards the Axis.

Now, the Roosevelt administration believes that Hitler's attitude has changed to a belief that the United States really means business.

No one in Washington knows, of course, what Hitler's actual answer will be but the President, it can be said, intends to play this psychological factor to the limit, and on this he bases to a large extent his hopes of keeping the United States out of the hostilities.

In this respect, the provision in the President's aid to Britain bill turning over U. S. bases for the repair of British warships is significant.

Come what may, the United States wants to make sure that the British and American fleets will stand together.

In his recent Fireside radio talk, Mr. Roosevelt said: "I believe that the Axis powers are not going to win this war. I base that belief on the latest and the best information."

So long as British and American sea power is dominant, Hitler can never accomplish his broad plan of conquest.

Seduced Girl's Mother Awarded £900 Damages

Night flying trips to Paris and lavish parties were mentioned in the King's Bench Division when £900 damages were awarded to a mother who claimed that her daughter of 16 had been seduced.

Mrs Ethel Taylor, of Highfield-road, Shepperton, Middlesex, sued Mr John Ettlinger, aged 36, of Whitfield-street, London, W., for the loss of the services of her daughter Joan.

He was not in court. Mr Justice Hilbery, giving judgment, said that at every stage Ettlinger seemed to have behaved like a blackguard and with a degree of callousness and meanness in money matters that would have been a disgrace to a full-blooded Englishman.

He was not that because his father, at any rate, was German. He had broken his promise that the girl would be able to live with her baby and broken the promise to his mother to give up the association.

Car Trips
Mr I. J. Lindner, for Ettlinger said that in 1935 Joan was employed as a bookkeeper at the Anchor Hotel, Shepperton, owned by Mrs Ettlinger. Joan Ettlinger came there occasionally at week-ends, and his mother suggested that he escort Joan home in his car at night. It was on one of the trips that relations first took place.

His attentions became more persistent and he began taking Joan on night flying trips to Paris and lavishly entertaining her at Hanworth and in London.

When Mrs Taylor threatened to take her daughter away from the hotel, Ettlinger promised Joan marriage and took her to London.

While living with Ettlinger Joan worked as an usherette at a cinema. He gave her £2,000 a day. Toward the end of June 1937 she entered a nursing home and gave birth to a child on July 4.

Kept Baby
On her being discharged from the nursing home, Ettlinger put her in a taxi and told her to go back to her mother. He would not let her have the baby.

Mr Lindner said that Miss Taylor was anxious to see the baby, and on her recovery returned to Ettlinger in London, where she worked and maintained herself.

Later her mother learned that she was critically ill with pneumonia and removed her to Shepperton, where she was now living.

Two Doctors
Miss Taylor, who said that she was now 20, declared that while she was ill Ettlinger packed up his things and walked out. (She had discovered that he was already a married man and had associated with other women.)

Miss Taylor added that while staying with Ettlinger in London she had double pneumonia, necessitating the attendance of two doctors, and two nurses.

They had not been paid, and the rent of the furnished flat was not paid.

Mr Justice Hilbery, in giving judgment, said the mother was entitled to recompense for the loss of her daughter's services, and the law could give vindictive damages where a parent had been wounded in her honour and feelings by a seducer's conduct.

Singapore Has Black-out

Road Users' Dilemma

SINGAPORE recently had the most complete black-out yet experienced since air raid exercises began in Malaya.

"It was obvious from a tour of the city before the air raid alarms that heed was being taken of the necessity for as little light as possible being directed on to open spaces or reflected into the air," writes the "Straits Times."

"On the other hand, it was also obvious that as far as road users were concerned, motorists—and warden themselves—were still uncertain as to the type of light vehicles are allowed to display."

R.A.F. observers flew over Singapore most of the night.

Several Accidents
Several accidents took place after dark including one in which an air raid warden was the victim.

The warden was taken to hospital with a compound fracture of the right leg, head injuries, and suspected fractured ribs. It is reported that he was crushed between an omnibus and a motor-car which were involved in a collision.

Japan Cannot Get Or Make The Guns

The Japanese 45,000-ton super-dreadnoughts, one of which was launched last spring, are not yet armed and have not the slightest prospect of getting their 18-inch guns.

German firms had contracts for the guns, mounting and range-finders, but lately the Japanese have been trying to get machine tools from America for the work.

UNIVERSITY COURT

Mr Walter Heathcote Lock has been nominated a member of the Court and Council of the University of Hongkong.

"EXPECT PEACE DRIVE"

—Hitler's Next

"Germany—robbed of her hoped-for short war, cheated of easy victory in the Mediterranean, let down by her junior partner, Italy, in Greece and Africa, and feeling the pinch inside her own lands as our blockade continues its inexorable pressure—may well put out peace feelers."

"They can be made only through the Vatican or the White House," states Lord Queenborough in a message to the Royal Society of St George.

"If and when such feelers are put out, the power of the White House will be enormous," he says.

"It is well for democracy—not merely for Britain—that in the White House there still sits a man, able from experience to weigh the sincerity and the significance of Nazism, and yet able equally to assess the capacity of the world for further war."

Social Changes

"President Roosevelt will obviously not tolerate in any peace terms in which he has a voice, abuses in other countries that he has set himself to eradicate in his own."

"We in England should clear our minds of out-worn phrases, cease to talk of 'swings to the left' or 'swings to the right,' and begin to envisage without nervousness sweeping changes of social and economic relationships which the war will make inevitable."

"If those changes are based on a proper comprehension of social justice, and are in the line of our old constitutional traditions, they will be but the natural evolution of a nation."

Beginning Of End
"Held in Africa, rolled back from Greece, defeated decisively in the Mediterranean, Mussolini is proving as helpless an ally to Germany as his nation was to Britain in 1917," Lord Queenborough continued.

"The defeat of the Axis combination on its Italian flank may well be the beginning of the end, though the end may yet be far from us."

"It may be late Spring before Britain begins to show air superiority, and before that time there will be much to endure."

"All that remains now is to endure a little longer until the day when the British forces, re-equipped, fully trained, and filled with an unquenchable determination to avenge the wrongs of Europe, shall carry the war again into the enemy's country."

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued Saturday, says: For a short session there was a fair turnover with China Lights recording a slight improvement.

Buyers
Bank of East Asia \$76
Union Ins. \$112.50
Providents \$570
Lands 4% Debentures \$97.50
Lights "O" \$6
Cements \$17.50

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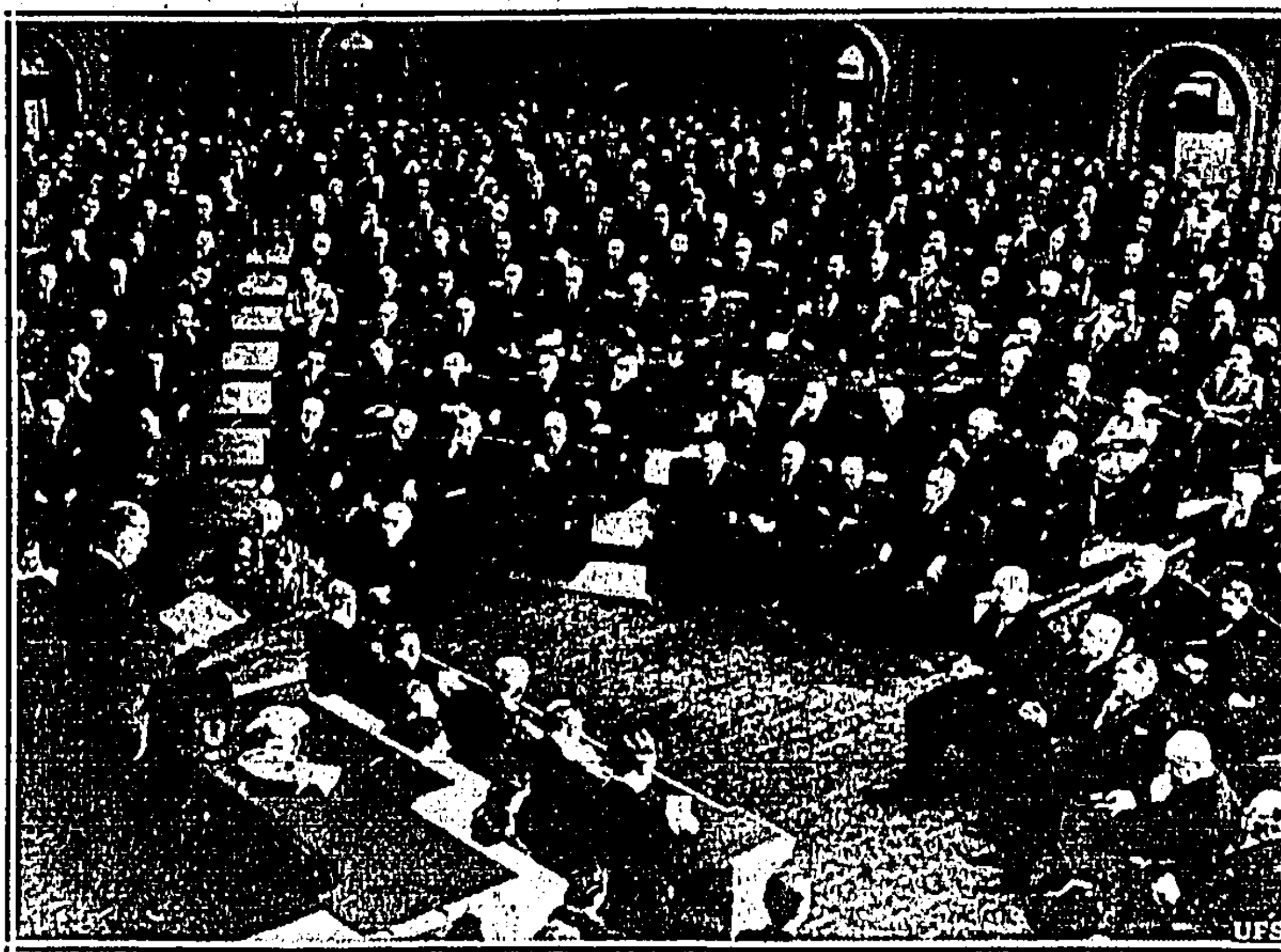
Sales
H.K. Banks \$1,400
Union Ins. \$411
Lands \$34.25
Star Ferries \$57
Lights "O" \$6.15/20
Watsons \$11

National Red Cross Society Of China

The budget of expenditure of the National Red Cross Society of China for the current year was fixed at NC\$9,600,000 and HK\$360,000 at the second and last session of its 24th annual conference held at its Hongkong Office, Kowloon, last week.

Presided over by Dr C. T. Wang, President of the Society, the meeting was attended by Mr Hsu Shih-yung, Acting Chairman of the National Relief Commission; Dr W. W. Yan, former Chinese Ambassador to Soviet Russia; Mr Wang Hsiao-lai; Mr Yen Kung-cho; Mr Tu Yuch-sen; Mr Samuel S. U. Zau; Dr J. Heng Liu and others. Dr Robert Kho-seng Lim, Director of the Red Cross Relief Corps, who had made a special trip here by air from Kweiyang, was also present and reported on the relief work carried out last year.

The conference decided to train a competent medical personnel for relief work. In the first year, five doctors and 10 nurses will be trained at an estimated expenditure of NC\$17,000. The conference re-appointed Mr Pan Hsiao-no as Secretary-General of the Society.



ASKS BILLIONS—Intense seriousness prevailed at joint meeting of Congress when President Roosevelt read his message asking billions to supply nations resisting aggression and asserting U. S. was in grave peril. He is at lower left. Senators are in front rows of House chamber, Representatives in rear, and Cabinet at lower right.

King Spends Night At Bomber Station

The King recently spent a night at an R.A.F. station of the Bomber Command. During his visit he saw heavily loaded Wellingtons take off for Cologne, and welcomed their pilots and crew after seeing them land safely on returning from their successful raid.

It was midnight when the first crew back entered the brightly lit intelligence room to make their report. As the little group, with their squadron leader, an Australian, at their head, entered, the King was standing with the senior intelligence officer and Air Marshal Sir Richard Pierce, Chief of the Bomber Command, and Air Vice-Marshal J. E. A. Baldwin.

The King took part in questioning the squadron leader when he made his report.

"Were you able to drop your bombs on the target?" asked the King. "Yes, Sir," replied the airman. "The weather wasn't good, and we had nine-tenths cloud, but I managed to pick up a bend in the river which gave me my direction, and I made my two runs over the target, unloading my bombs on the railway marshalling yards."

Airmen Report
The King—"Was there much noise, much opposition?"—"Well, Sir, Jerry is still playing posy. There were no searchlights, no flak, until I dropped my bombs. Then 14 or 15 lights came on, making a cone in the sky, and they chuckled everything up from the A.A. guns to the apex of the cone."

Other members of the crew crowded round as the squadron leader made his report. The King looked at the large-scale map on the wall, with coloured pins and stretched tapes marking the route to Cologne.

"Where was your target exactly?" he asked and the pilot pointed it out to him on a map.

Knew Berlin Well
When the squadron leader mentioned that he had made 23 flights over Germany, the King asked: "Have you been to Berlin?" With a quiet smile the young officer replied: "Oh, yes, Sir; I know that place quite well."

The crew of a second aircraft that had been over Berlin came into the room. The King shook hands with the young sergeant pilot who had captained the bomber, and asked him how he had got on.

The pilot, who has made 25 trips over Germany, replied: "We found a lot of cloud, but we had a bit of good luck. There was a break in the cloud at the right moment, and I could see our objective, a railway station, very clearly just as we dropped our bombs."

Reads Log Book
The crews of two other bombers which had been over enemy invasion ports were drinking coffee and smoking cigarettes while their comrades made their reports. The King chatted to several of the men, borrowed the log book of a sergeant pilot, and read the pencilled entries giving the time of attack, details of

A.A. guns, and so on. He was much impressed by the friendly atmosphere surrounding the stiff cross-examination which all R.A.F. pilots and crews have to undergo after making a raid.

Before The Raids
Earlier the King had heard crews being "briefed" for their raids on Cologne. There was no formality, and the King laughed with the bomber crews when the intelligence officer said: "Cologne used to be considered a very hot spot, but it is not so bad now."

Aerial photographs of recent raids interested the King. He saw pictures which showed bombs bursting and fires raging in the German docks, and others showing a successful raid on enemy air bases. Walking across the aerodrome to the control tower, he saw the Wellingtons, one by one, take off.

After dining in the officers' mess the King walked to the sergeants' mess, where he drank "good luck" to the sergeants.

Malayan Coast Now Mined

London, Feb. 16.
The Admiralty announced to-day that a portion of the Malayan coast would be a danger to navigation as it had been covered with mines.

Ships wishing to pass through the area would have to apply to the Singapore authorities for a safe passage. Any vessel not doing so would pass at its own risk and peril.

St John Ambulance Competition

The St John Ambulance Brigade held its annual Mok Cho-chuen Cup Competition in First Aid Proficiency, yesterday morning at Brigade Headquarters, when each division entered a squad of four men. Results were: 1. Hongkong Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division; 2. Confucian Society Division; 3. Kwong Wah Division.

Among those present were the Director of Medical Services, Hon. Dr P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Col. Simson, R.A.M.C., Asst-Commissioner E. M. Raymond, District Superintendent A. el Arculli, Major T. L. Wright, Mr B. Trevor, Mr A. E. Terry, District Officer T. K. Chak, District Officer A. H. Rumjahn and Corps Officer Chun Yuk-in.

Chamber Music Club Concert

The Hongkong Chamber Music Club will be having their thirteenth concert, in the Great Hall of the University of Hongkong on Friday, at 9.15 p.m.

The programme has been arranged by the Very Rev Father A. Rignanti, and the choral items will be by the Choir of St Joseph's Church. Piano solos will be given by Caroline Braga, and she will be accompanied by Elizabeth Brown in three duets.

Works of Chopin, Macdowell, Bach and Haydn, and one item composed by Father Rignanti, will be among those sung or played.

St Patrick's Club Officers Elected

The annual general meeting of St Patrick's Catholic Club was held on Friday in the Club Hall. The following were elected officers for the coming year:

President and Treasurer, Rev. Fr. F. A. Rignanti; Chairman, Mr N. L. Leonard; Hon. Secretary, Mr G. F. Santos; Librarian, Mr H. Williams; Management Committee, Messrs B. A. Mural, A. J. Marshall and C. J. Thorley.

Rev. Fr. Rignanti gave a short address on the objects of the Club, and explained that its financial status was quite sound. It is intended that members will have opportunities to indulge more time in sports, and for this reason, it is hoped that a football team will soon be formed.

Bowls

Lane, Crawford's Beat K.C.C.

Playing on Kowloon Cricket Club's green yesterday, the home team were beaten in a friendly return game of lawn bowls by a team from Lane Crawford's, 54-47. Scores were: S. Carr, G. Tanner, A. B. Hanson, and E. C. Fincher (L.C.C.) lost to A. E. P. Guest, R. G. Birch, A. Steven and V. C. Latham 12-20. W. C. Ogley, J. W. Bertram, J. H. S. Duncan and W. W. Parson (L.C.) beat D. Jung, F. Zimmerman, L. Jack and T. A. Madhri 12-12.



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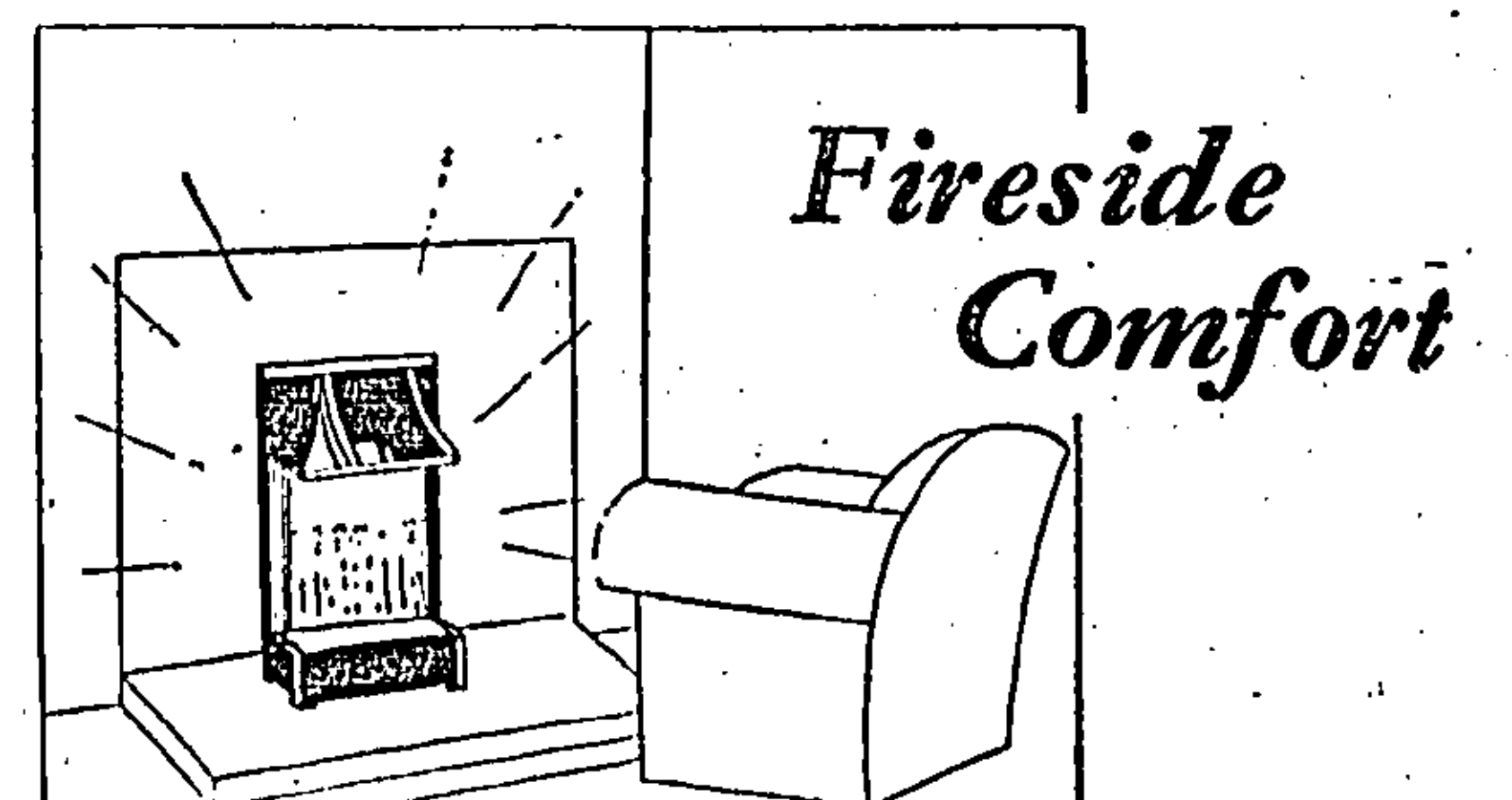
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MINISTRY TRICKS TRADERS

MINISTRY of Food "agent provocateurs"—officials sent out with false ration cards to lure traders into breaking the law—were recently the subject of a sharp protest in the Commons.

A recent court was at Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, revealed that, under the authority of the Food Ministry, persons are sent out with instructions which are aimed at tricking shopkeepers into breaches of the rationing regulations.

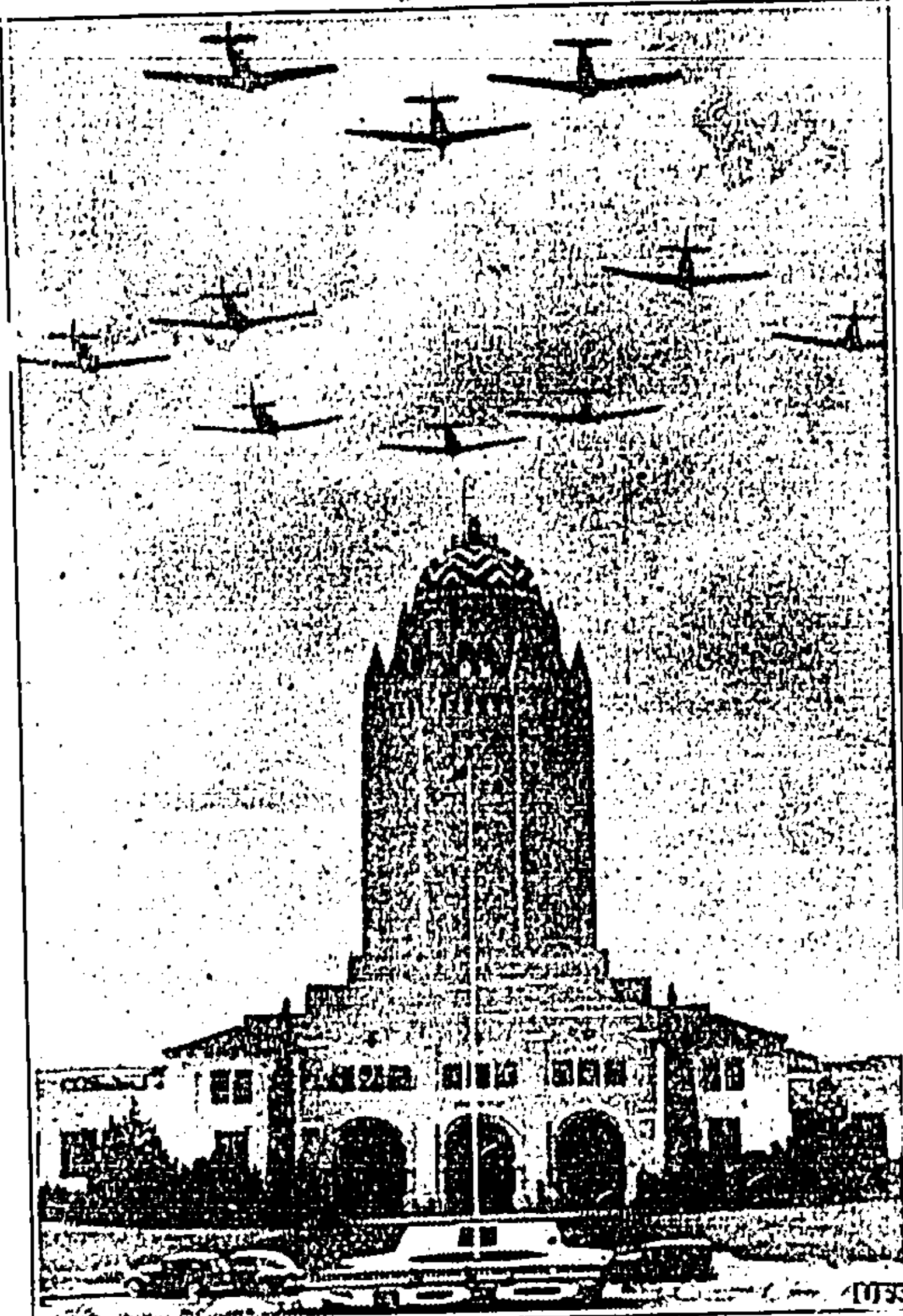
Mr R. C. Morrison, M.P., raised the matter in Parliament.

He called attention to the Wisbech case and demanded that the Minister of Food abandon this objectionable practice.

Young Woman Decoy

In the case cited, a young woman, acting on instructions contained in an unsigned Ministry circular, visited several shops in Wisbech. She presented the traders with a ration card which bore a fictitious name and address.

In one case, it is alleged, she waited outside the shop until the manager had gone, leaving in charge an inexperienced assistant aged 18. The magistrates who tried one of the cases which followed this young woman's activities imposed only a small fine and expressed their disapproval of the course taken.



HOMEWARD FLIGHT—Flight of training planes, homeward bound, roars over tower of administration building at Randolph Field, Texas. Field is called "West Point of the Air." About 350 planes go aloft each day.

DOWNING STREET INCIDENT

Man's Story of Valuable Secret

LEWIS CHARLES LEWIS, D.Sc., who said he was technical adviser at the Monmouth County Hall, Newport, was at Bow Street Police Court, London, recently remanded for a medical report on a charge of being drunk and disorderly in Downing Street.

Police-Constable Bartlett said that Lewis approached 10 Downing Street and demanded to see the Prime Minister. He said: "I have got £5,000,000 to give him and a secret process for running aeroplanes and cars without petrol."

He became argumentative and had to be restrained. No money was found on him. His speech was slurred and he smelt of whisky.

Lewis told the Magistrate that an M.P. had made the appointment for him to see the Prime Minister. He was met at Paddington by his own chauffeur and driven to Downing Street.

Petrol-less Planes

It was an exaggeration to say that he was giving the Prime Minister £5,000,000. He had, he stated, solved the problem of running aeroplanes and cars without petrol. The secret was worth £50,000,000, but he did not want a penny for it. He had refused an offer of £2,000,000 from a business firm. He was known to Hannen Swaffer, Montague Norman, Grenfell, and others.

Lewis said that he had never been drunk in his life. The police officer possibly thought he was drunk because he was very hoarse through a cold.

"I am going to sue these people for locking me up," he added. The case was put back for a short time on Lewis saying that he made a request for certain persons to be called in vain. A sergeant subsequently told the Court that Lewis told him that he wanted Hannen Swaffer, Emmanuel Shinwell, M.P., and George Hall, M.P. Witness telephoned to the members of Parliament but was unsuccessful.

FASCISTS IN MANX CAMP

—M. P.'s Question

An aggressive Fascist minority, self-appointed to all posts of responsibility, dominates Italian internees at the Palace camp, Isle of Man, holds parades and uses Italian bugle calls, according to Mr G. Russell Strauss, M.P.

He asked Mr Herbert Morrison, Minister of Home Security, in the House of Commons recently about one of the men in the camp, Signor Cosomati, whose anti-Mussolini cartoons have been republished in the England press.

Because of one such cartoon, Cosomati was beaten up by two Fascists. He could not identify his attackers, but two internees who instigated the assault were sentenced to 21 days in the cells.

Held Automatically

Signor Cosomati, married to an Englishwoman, a painter and writer, and a fervent anti-Fascist, was interned automatically as he had not been resident for the requisite 20 years.

Before being interned he drew a political cartoon, which was accepted by a Sunday paper. This was published after his internment.

On the evening of November 1 two men came to him in the camp corridor and set on him.

"The whole regime of the camp is open to criticism," went on Mr Strauss. "I have a report on it from a reliable internee recently released. I am sending this report to the Minister of Home Security."

3,000 In Camp

"There are about 3,000 internees in the camp. The bulk are small shopkeepers and waiters of no political belief save a resentment against Britain for internment. There are a few vigorous anti-Fascists—but there is a far stronger Fascist group, which virtually runs the camp."

"The camp is nominally under British control, but in practice, it is largely self-governing, and the Fascist element is in control."

"Parades are held; two roll-calls are held daily; and to these and to meals internees are summoned by bugle. The buglers are paid out of the funds of the canteen of a British interment camp," said Mr Strauss, "and they use the military bugle calls current in the Italian army."

Use Italian War Cry

"The parades conclude with the (Fascist) camp leader shouting the Italian war-cry: 'A Noi' ('Rally to us, literally, 'To us'), which is echoed by the bulk of the internees. The anti-Fascists, who remain silent, are threatened."

"Anti-Fascists should not be interned at all; we are pressing now for the immediate creation of separate camps for Fascists and anti-Fascists, who may soon be released."

Mr Morrison stated in the House that the segregation of Fascists had had to await the provision of accommodation, which would soon be available.

PHILIPPINES TO TRAIN VOLUNTEERS

Plans to recruit and train some 200,000 men throughout the Philippines with a view to organising them into auxiliary units of the Islands' national defence system are being made.

and Preston to "dig for victory," and are supported by the local authorities.

Boys of Preston were first in the field. They won a prize at Southport show. Southport took up the challenge and the corporation has presented land to be cultivated by boys and girls.

NEW CITY EVERY SIX MONTHS

MR WALTER ELLIOT, former Minister of Health, broadcasting recently, spoke of what Britain had done for her people.

"When we distrust ourselves," he said, "look back on some of the things that actually did happen."

"In the 20 years of peace that Britain helped to win for the world with the victory of 1918 we more than halved the death-rate from consumption in this country. We halved the maternal mortality, halved the death-rate for small babies."

"As to the homes for heroes, we had still in 1939 terrible blots on the face of our cities, yet we had moved a million people out of the slums."

In 20 Years

"From the beginning of our history to 1918 we had produced eight million houses. In the next 20 years we built four million."

"And the pace was quickening. In the four years before 1939 we built almost exactly a thousand houses per working day."

"We had built the equivalent of all Glasgow, plus all Birmingham, plus all Sheffield, plus all Leeds—in each six months, a great new city."

"What we did in that 20 years we can better in 20 years ahead."

Allotments In Hyde Park

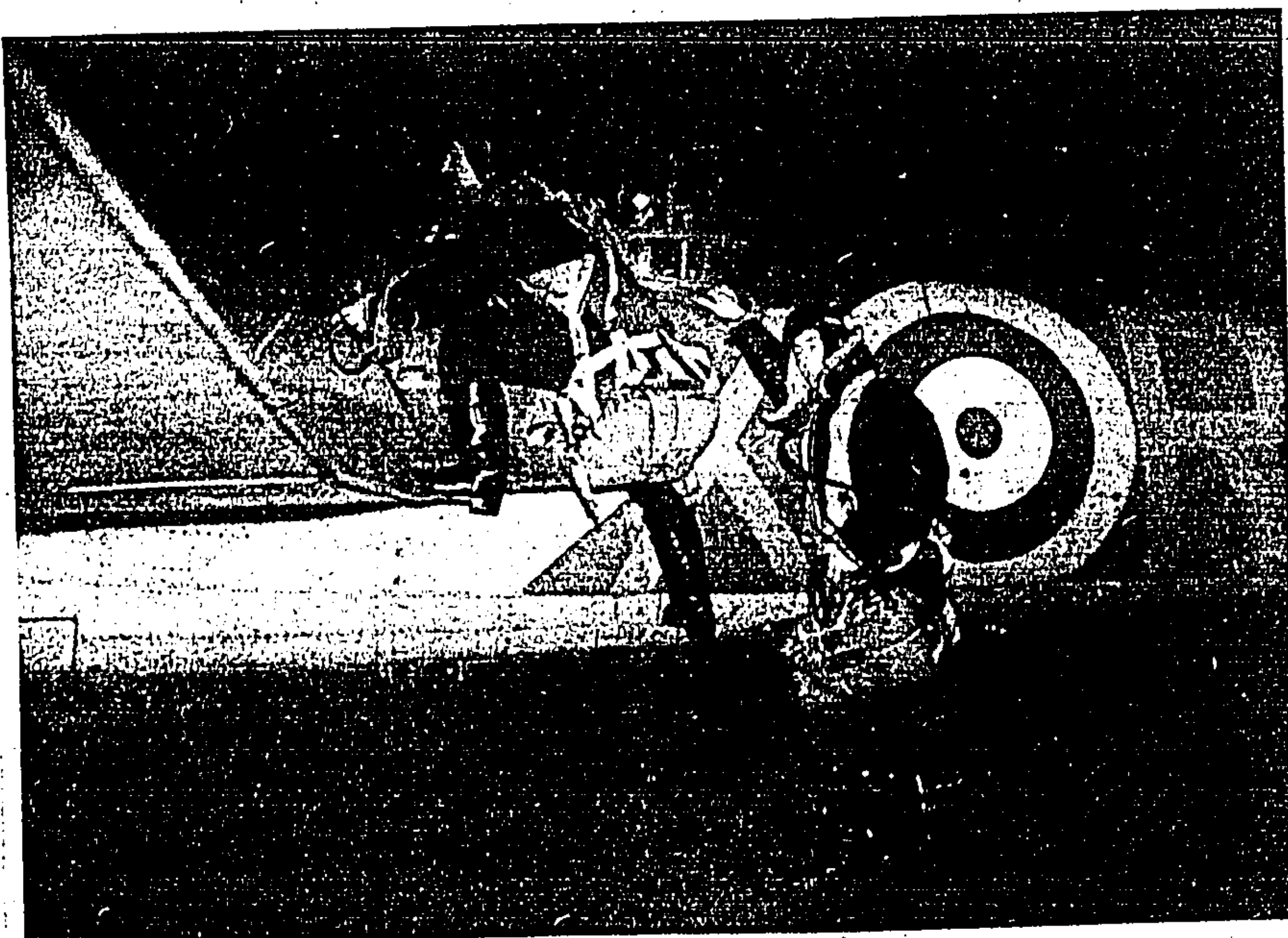
THE British public is to be allowed to dig its own allotment in the exhibition ground of Hyde Park.

Westminster City Council will manage the scheme and is letting the land in five-rod plots at a maximum rent of 6s. 6d. a year.

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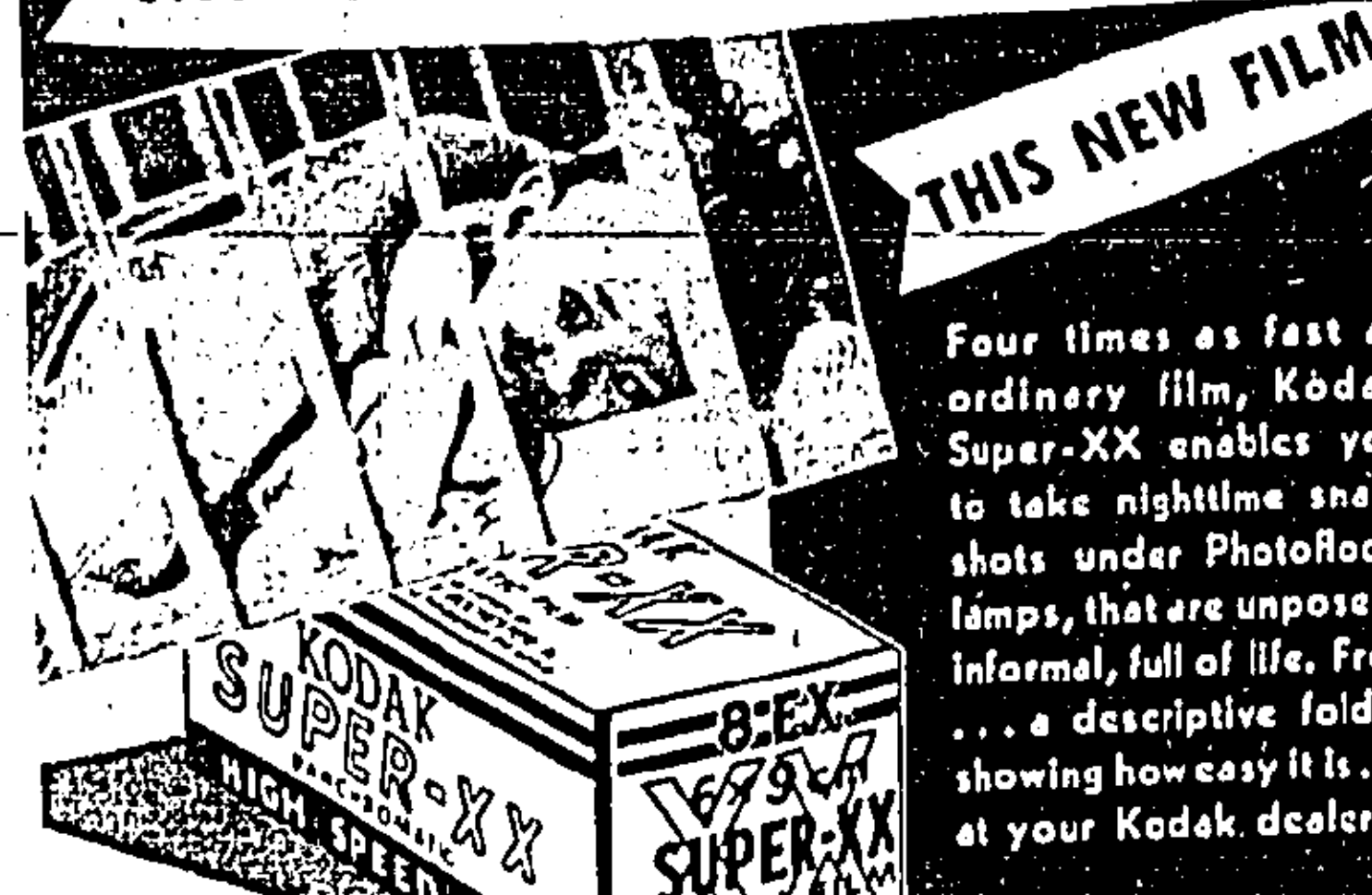
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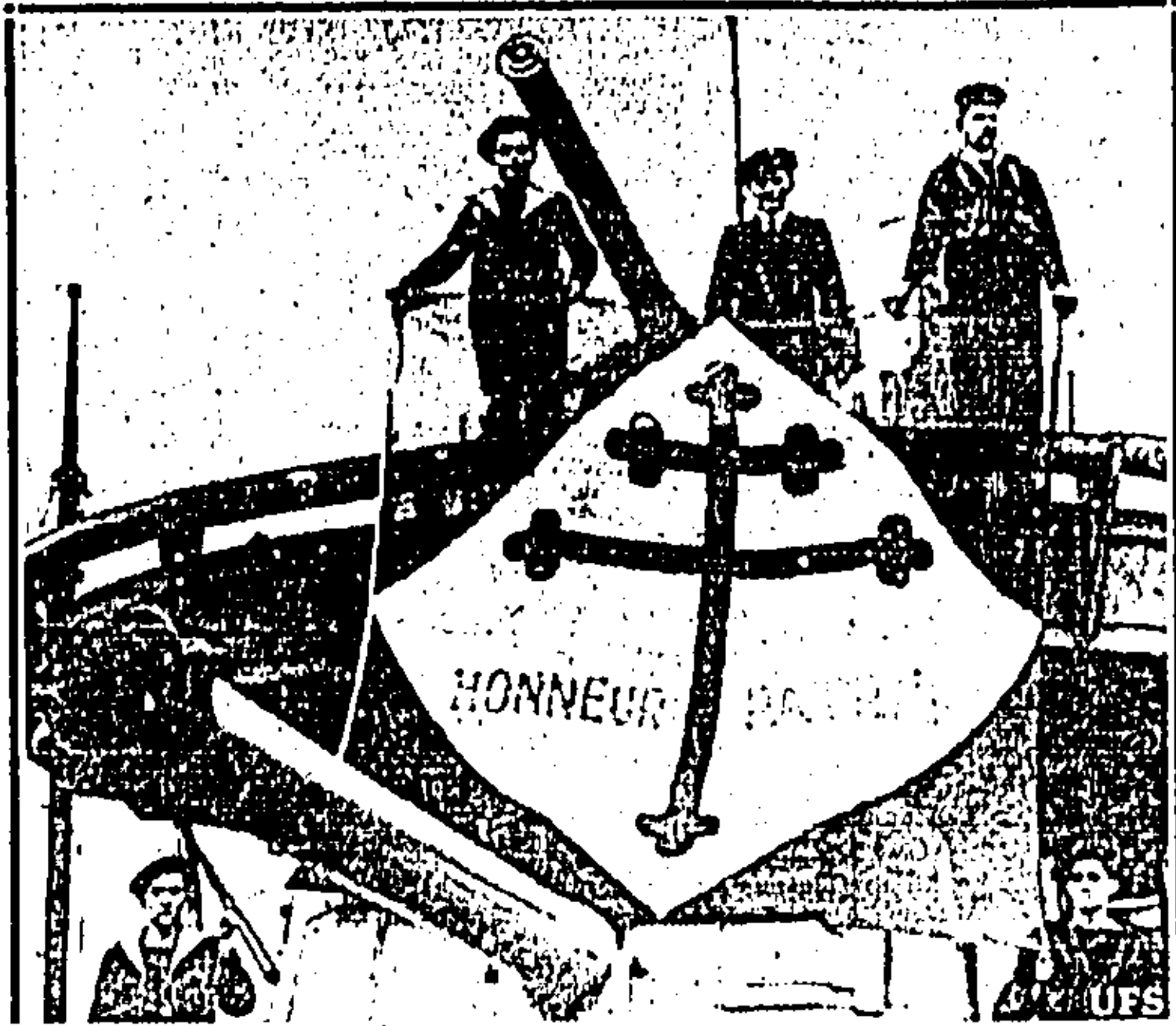
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AIR RAID OLD WORLD HAS TUNNELS GONE FOR EVER

Tests Not Completed

Testing of the duct ventilation system in the A.R.P. tunnels opposite the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building yesterday morning was very satisfactory, but the tests could not be completed owing to a misunderstanding with the coolies.

"The system of ventilation worked very well indeed," said Mr. B. H. Tuckie, Deputy Director of A.R.P., "and very good results were recorded; but the objects of the tests were to compare two different methods of ventilation. We cannot say which is the best until we have carried out the second test. A certain number of Europeans were in the worst part of the tunnel, and appeared none the worse after the test."

About 1,500 coolies were used in the test, which lasted about two and a half hours. The exhaust fan system of ventilation will be tested tomorrow.

Shanghai Market

CHUNGKING, Feb. 17 (Central News).—Many speculators of moderate means in Shanghai are reported to have gone bankrupt as a result of the sharp fall of stocks due to Far Eastern tension. Losses incurred by the fall on February 14 alone are roughly estimated at between CN \$25,000,000 and \$35,000,000.

Attlee's Speech

LONDON, Feb. 16 (British Wireless).—In the course of a speech at Tonypandy to-day, Mr. Clement Attlee stressed to his audience that there could be no return to the pre-war world and that a new world would have to be planned for. Despite all the destruction, British economic power remained and must be used on the right lines.

"I would stress the point," he continued, "that after this war has been successfully ended, our production power will be greater than ever, and it is upon the foundation of a properly planned and organized people that the future welfare of the world will rest."

U. S. MARINES LEAVING SHAI

CHUNGKING, Feb. 17 (Central News).—The American Navy transport Chagmount is scheduled to sail from Chinwangtao to Shanghai within this week to take 104 men of the U.S. Fourth Marines in Shanghai back to America, according to a Shanghai dispatch.

NO CADRE PARADES

The Military Authorities announce that there will be no parade of the H.K.V.D.C. Training Cadre and Company to-day, Monday, and to-morrow, Tuesday.

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Western Ruhr, Boulogne, Bombed

FROM PAGE ONE

considerable German bomber formations attacked south-east England, the Midlands and shipping targets. Several aerodromes are stated to have been set on fire and stationary planes destroyed. Damage was also done to dock installations on the Thames and in a west coast harbour. Two merchant ships totalling 8,000 tons are stated to have been sunk, another set ablaze, and a light cruiser was hit by a bomb.

The communiqué continues that attempts by the enemy to fly into occupied territory were repulsed on the coast and two British fighters and three bombers were lost in aerial combat.

British Raids
It adds that a small number of high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped in Western Germany last night by the enemy but no important damage was done.

The communiqué concludes: "During these flights over German territory and the night attempts to raid occupied territory, German night fighters shot down four planes. One was brought down by A.A. fire. Thus the total loss to the enemy amounted to ten planes. One German plane is missing."

Bomber Ends In Sea
LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuters).—There has been some activity over this country to-day by single enemy aircraft, says the Air Ministry.

British fighters shot down an enemy bomber into the sea off the south coast this morning.

Bombs have been dropped at three points in the London area and in some places in eastern and south-eastern England and the Home counties.

South African Air Force. The accuracy of the bombing and machine-gunning was confirmed by a subsequent inspection.

In Abyssinia yesterday, a large motor transport park at Dessie was successfully attacked from the air while in Eritrea the R.A.F. continued to attack enemy troop concentrations, motor transport and other military objectives.

Hangars and workshops at Mul Adaga were bombed and a number of fires and explosions were caused. Two aircraft were missing from yesterday's operations over Rhodes, Albania and Italian East Africa.

Racing Carnival

FROM PAGE ONE

Selections
"Captain Foster's" selections for the programme are as follows:

SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES (SECOND SECTION)
A Surprising Time
Black Seal
Santa Anita

MAIDEN STAKES
Veltlight
World Fair View
Eye of Grandeur

AUSTRAL MAIDEN STAKES
Coloona
First Love
Rattle Decidendi

CORAL HANDICAP
Far View
Sapper
Lancashire Chips

AUSTRAL TRIAL PLATE
Oracle
Marsh Warbler
Starlight

SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES (THIRD SECTION)
Vitamin M
Manhattan
Bendmeier

TRIAL PLATE
Lovelight
Oolong
Charlesber

BENDISH HANDICAP
Rowan
Springhurst
Devonian

AUSTRALIAN VALLEY STAKES
Endeavour
Moonlight
United Express

Daily Double Event
Far View/Vitamin M.

LATE NEWS

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Rebellion In Abyssinia

Latest Development
("NEUTER" IN ABYSSINIA)
Abyssinian newsboys armed with spears and rifles are now distributing free the first national Ethiopian newspaper printed in the country in five years.

The newspaper, entitled "Bannadarchen" ("Our Flag"), is being published in Abyssinia's "Fleet Street," in the forests of the Gollam highlands. It is bordered by the Ethiopian colours, headed with an impression of the Lion of Judah. During a forced trek through the bush, I caught up with a camel convoy commanded by a young English officer who was formerly an engineer. He gave me food and shoes and told me that his unit was an Ethiopian propaganda one, composed of strange camel trains that cross the lowlands to Gollam.

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An interesting and amusing description of the life and work of Sir Wilfred Grenfell, doctor, missionary and business man, whom he described as "the man who didn't know the meaning of can't," was given by Rev. E. Moreton to the Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group last night.

Abyssinian newsboys are distributing the newspaper among the Ethiopian forces, village populations living in caves and sometimes almost within a stone's throw of the enemy's camps.

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GREEKS ROUT ITALIAN ELEVENTH ARMY ON A 30-MILE WIDE SECTOR

LONDON, Feb. 16 (REUTER).—GREEK TROOPS COMPLETELY ROUTED THE ITALIAN ELEVENTH ARMY ON THE 30-MILE WIDE MOSCOPOLIS-TEPELINI SECTOR OF THE ALBANIAN FRONT YESTERDAY AND LAST NIGHT, ACCORDING TO REPORTS RECEIVED TODAY BY "REUTER'S" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT ON THE ALBANIAN FRONTIER.

GERMAN WARNING TO TURKEY

BASLE, Feb. 16 (REUTER).—A warning to Turkey that she is "no longer master of the Balkans as she was 30 years ago" has been given in authoritative German circles, according to the Berlin correspondent of the "Basle Nachrichten".

The same circles stress that Germany's relations with Greece are still unchanged.

The correspondent adds that the Wilhelmstrasse is still most reserved concerning the present German-Yugo-Slav conversations, but the traditional friendship between the two countries is emphasised.

U. S. ARMY EXPANSION

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (Domel).—Military authorities disclosed that the Army Department has started a survey with a view to expanding the Army to more than three million men in case of emergency.

Sites for additional camps and cantonments are being surveyed all over the country. Thus an army of 1,418,000 men contemplated by June could quickly be doubled in size if such a step was necessary.

JAPANESE ENVOY SEES IL DUCE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Feb. 16 (Domel).—An exchange of information regarding the Far Eastern and European situations was made between Mussolini and the Japanese Ambassador Mr. Zombi Borelli, during their 20-minute interview at the Venezia Palace yesterday.

Measures to effect closer co-operation between Japan, Germany and Italy were discussed. The Japanese Ambassador was accompanied by Mr. Yoshinori Ando, Counselor of the Japanese Embassy.

NO PARADES

"The Military Authorities inform us that there will be no parade of the H.K.V.D.C. Training Cadre and Company on Monday and Tuesday, February 17 and 18."

Situation is Grave: No Cause for Alarm

SYDNEY, Feb. 16 (REUTER).—"Although the situation is grave, I see nothing that need alarm or even seriously disturb a resolute people."

This statement was made in a broadcast by the Attorney General and Navy Minister, Mr. W. M. Hughes, to-day.

Mr. Hughes said that the joint statement by the Acting Prime Minister and the Opposition Leader last week seriously disturbed the Australian people and may even have made them a little nervous. Mr. Hughes added: "This will pass."

Japanese Declaration
TOKYO, Feb. 16 (REUTER).—Japan's advance to the south has been spurred on by the British and American policy of adding the Chungking regime and antagonising Japan, declares the newspaper, "Nichi Nichi Shimbun".

It continues: "Britain and Aus-

Two thousand prisoners are reported to have been taken, together with a large quantity of war material, including arms and light artillery. Reports state that the R.A.F. and Greek air force greatly contributed to the success of the operations. The daring and skill of the British and Greek airmen have created the greatest enthusiasm among the Greek land forces.

The Greeks' claim to have made another big drive in the gorges of Predesinja mountains, thus creating a deep wedge in the Italian front between Klisura and Tepelini on the centre of the battle-front.

BANGKOK CAN SEE NO CRISES

BANGKOK, Feb. 16 (REUTER).—Despite alarmist and conflicting reports from outside Thailand over the week-end, hinting at the imminence of a Far Eastern flare-up and the possibility of a British invasion of Thailand across the Malaya border, Bangkok is having a very quiet Sunday.

The Government has already made it abundantly clear that there is no menace whatever from the British side of Thailand's border. No external signs of any abnormal are visible in Bangkok. Holiday makers have gone to seaside resorts as usual for the week-end and the public parks are full of life and laughter with Sunday crowds of men, women and children taking the evening air.

Truce Time
BANGKOK, Feb. 16 (REUTER).—With a view to clearing up any possible misunderstanding, the Government has announced that the extension of the Indo-China truce end at 10 a.m. Bangkok time on February 25.

British Meeting
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BANGKOK, Feb. 16 (UP).—The British Legation is meeting at the Legation to-morrow presumably to discuss the plans for evacuation and to ask the Legation to explain the circular advising women and children to evacuate Thailand.

Mission To South America

CARACAS, Feb. 16 (REUTER).—The British Mission which has been visiting Latin America under the leadership of Lord Willingdon has concluded a five-day visit to Venezuela, during which its members were guests of the Government and were lavishly entertained by the many friends of Britain's cause.

The Mission also had a series of conferences with Government officials and leaders of commerce and economic life.

The Mission has expressed satisfaction with the results achieved and the universal sympathy it has encountered for the cause of the Allies.

Greek pursuit of the enemy continues.

A duel with occasional artillery fire is reported from the extreme northern sector of the front where extensive Italian troop movements have been noted, probably in order to relieve these front-line detachments with fresh troops in preparation for attempts to stiffen resistance.

Italians Desperate

LONDON, Feb. 16 (REUTER).—"The Greek offensive in Albania is proceeding according to the plans of the Greek High Command," and news from the front is good," stated the Athens radio to-night.

The announcer continued: "Success has crowned the offensive action of the Greek Army at all points of the front where it was undertaken. More fortified points were captured as the result of spirited attacks by our troops and all objectives were attained."

"One of the fortified positions wrested from the enemy was of such vital importance that the Italian High Command ordered a desperate counter-attack to recapture it. A large Italian force was thrown into this action, but in vain. The result was a disaster for the Italians who sustained very heavy losses in killed and wounded, including many officers."

Heavy Loss of Men

"A further Greek advance was made for a considerable distance into enemy territory. Some Italian detachments participating in this counter-attack lost four-fifths of their effectives."

"The Italians, becoming desperate because of the new Greek offensive, are vainly struggling to stem the rising tide of destruction. At one point they tried to break through the Greek lines in darkness but the withering fire of the Greeks forced the Italians to retreat after terrible losses."

Heavy Italian Losses

ATHENS, Feb. 16 (UP).—The Government spokesman stated that there were more than 1,000 Italian casualties, while another 300 were taken prisoner during the past 24 hours. Two Blackshirt battalions made counter-attacks and "of the 1,200 men in these two battalions only 200 survived."

The spokesman said that the Greeks, attacking at two points, took Italian fortified positions and prisoners as well as war material. The Italians covered their retreat with barbed wire. Just before nightfall, the Italians repulsed a counter-attack on a 1,500 metre mountain range with the Blackshirts being decimated in the main attack.

Malayan Warning To Ships

LONDON, Feb. 16 (REUTER).—The Admiralty announces the mining of the sea covering the eastern entrance of the Straits of Singapore.

Vessels wishing to pass through the area must apply to the British naval authority for a route.

The area affected is bounded on the north by Lat. 2 deg. 44 mins. north; on the east, by Long. 104 deg. 30 mins. east; on the south, by Lat. 1 deg. 38 mins. north; on the west, by the coast of Malaya.

Mr. A. K. Thomson of the Public Works Department reports that 2,000 lbs of scrap iron, value \$300, were stolen from the Water Works Department Stores in Shanghai Street on February 15.

Secret Military Agreement Britain & Chungking Said Negotiating

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Feb. 16 (UP).—The Bangkok correspondent of the "Yomuri Shimbun" reports that the British Government is negotiating a secret military agreement with Chungking in order to maintain British Far Eastern influence, and also to obstruct Japan's southward advance.

The British Government, having interpreted Tokyo's Thailand-Indo-China peace negotiations as Thailand's adherence to Japan's advocated "East Asia co-prosperity sphere," has decided on efforts to restrain Japan through co-operation with Thailand.

The agreement includes, says the correspondent, establishment of a joint line against Japan's southward moves, as well as increased supplies of American munitions to Chungking via the Burma Road.

The correspondent of the "Nichi Nichi" reports that the British are concentrating 20,000 troops on the Malaya and Burma borders as a mounting threat to Thailand in a manoeuvre to destroy friendly Japan-Thailand relations.

SHANGHAI GANG WAR Farrens Shooting

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, Feb. 17 (UP).—The belief is strengthened that the gang raid on Farrens Dance Hall was the result of a "war" between rival factions for control of gambling in the western areas. The police are reported to be working on information that the gunmen fled in four "expensive limousines bearing private license plates."

Meanwhile, Farrens, in a large paid advertisement in Sunday's "Post Mercury" announced that they would not open to-night but they do business as usual on Monday.

Randall Gould Leaving Shanghai

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, Feb. 17 (UP).—The Shanghai Evening Post announced that to-day, the former "United Press" Correspondent, Mr. Frederick B. Oppor, will succeed Mr. Randall Gould as Editor of the paper.

It also announced that Mr. Gould, who is calling on the President Coolidge to the United States on February 25, will hereafter be Associate Editor with broader executive duties involving other Companies associated with Mr. U. N. Starr's Post Mercury Company. Federal Inc. incorporated in the U.S.A.

Mr. Oppor was formerly in Tokyo and covered the Russo-Japanese hostilities at Nomonhan.

Danube Packed With Ice

VICHY, Feb. 16 (REUTER).—Large masses of ice in the Danube below Budapest have caused an extremely critical situation in certain districts where the water is already level with the top of the protective dykes, says a Budapest despatch.

Hungarian troops with 10,000 sandbags are striving to stem the threatened floods and are preparing to blow up the ice with dynamite.

EAST AFRICA Keren Attack Grows Stronger

CAIRO, Feb. 16 (REUTER).—The concentration of additional troops about Keren in Eritrea is proceeding satisfactorily while the advance of the northern column continues, says a British G.H.Q. communique.

The British have re-occupied the frontier post of Kurmuk, in Abyssinia, and in Italian Somaliland operations continue for the development of the British success at Kismayu.

Kurmuk Retaken

CAIRO, Feb. 16 (UP).—The re-occupation of Kurmuk, 300 miles south-east of Khartoum, ousted the Italians from their last frontier post in Sudanese territory. The Italians are now retreating over the Abyssinian border.

In Eritrea, the British northern column is reported to have advanced more than half way to Keren, midway between Nakea and Kurhum. Indications that the British are bringing up reinforcements for a final assault on Keren were given in to-day's communique.

We Take 10,000 sq. Miles

NAIROBI, Feb. 16 (REUTER).—With the occupation of Kismayu, the whole of the south-western portion of Italian-Somaliland up to the line of the Juba River, is now over-run by British troops.

Approximately 10,000 square miles of enemy territory, an area greater than Wales, have fallen into British hands.

Units of the British Navy are co-operating by bombing enemy concentrations on the coast.

On the northern sector, South African units have made further progress and numerous friendly natives have welcomed the advancing troops. The natives complained of bad treatment, such as the forcible removal of their wives, children and stock by the Italians.

Springboks Take The Air

CAIRO, Feb. 16 (REUTER).—The activities of the South African Air Force during the week-end included the bombing of a pontoon bridge between Goleben in Italian Somaliland and Jumbo, hitting several pontoons and causing part of the bridge to sink.

Wire entanglements were also bombed and a block-house was destroyed.

R.A.F. Bomb Effectively

ATHENS, Feb. 16 (REUTER).—Further heavy raids on enemy positions in the area to the north of Klisura were made by R.A.F. bombers to-day in spite of unfavourable weather. Military camps, supply dumps and gun emplacements were effectively bombed.

R.A.F. Continues Its "Blitz" On Rhodes

CAIRO, Feb. 16 (REUTER).—The R.A.F. "blitz" on the Dodecanese island of Rhodes continued on Friday night, it was revealed to-day. Switching again from aerodrome targets, heavy-bombers carried out a second attack on the harbour installations.

Bombs fell among the buildings at Lindos harbour and started a number of fires.

The "blitz" is now in its second week.

R.A.F. co-operation in the Greek offensive yesterday also included offensive patrols in the Tepelini area, according to a communique issued here.

The South African Air Force, having gained virtual air supremacy over Italian Somaliland, continues to hammer away at the retreating enemy with remorseless energy. The aircraft which yesterday harassed the Italians in the Jella Omo River

To-day's Racing Carnival; Fast Track & New 1 3/4 Mile Record Set

Although overhead the weather was dull, the track made such a good recovery from last week's rain that the going proved to be quite fast when the annual racing carnival opened at Happy Valley to-day.

High light of the morning's programme was the setting of a new record for the 1 3/4 miles in the opening event, which O-Lan with V. V. Needa up, won in 3.26.1/5 beating Liberty Bay's previous record of 3.32.4/5.

There was quite a good attendance which increased after lunch. The stands and enclosures presented their customary gay and animated scenes. Dividends were not exceptional, but the races were well supported and cash sweeps produced normal prizes.

Biggest dividend returned during the morning was \$102.60 by Newborn Star, which finished third in the Sydney Maiden Stakes. O-Lan also provided backers with \$31.70 when winning the Challenge Cup.

By 2 o'clock to-day, more than 920,000 tickets had been sold on the Rooly-Hill Derby sweepstake.

It was officially announced that the selling of these tickets would cease at 12 noon on Wednesday, and that the draw, in the sweepstake, would take place at 1.30 the same day.

Results were as follows:

1-1.30 A.M.—CHALLENGE CUP.—For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. To be won two years consecutively by a pony or ponies the bona fide property of the same owner or owners. One and three quarter miles.

T.K.L.'s O-Lan 140 lb. (V. V. Needa) 1
Eve's Eve of Harvest 140 lb. (W. H. F. Davies) 2
Quartermaster's Burford 162 lb. (S. W. Kang) 3

Six starters.
Time—3.26.1/5. Winner \$31.70. Places \$0; \$10.10; \$20.60; \$30.90.

2-12.00 P.M.—SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES.—(First Section).—For Australian Suburban ponies of 1941. Weight for inches as per scale. Six furlongs.

Necan's United Express 152 lb. (Ip Kuei-ying) 1
S.K.'s Fresh Air 149 lb. (D. G. Woo) 2
C.N.K.'s Newborn Star 152 lb. (D. H. F. Craven) 3

18 starters.
Won by five lengths; half a length.
Time—1.18.4.
Parti-mutuel.—Winner \$7.20. Places \$0; \$0; \$102.60.

3-1.00 P.M.—AUSTRAL VALLEY STAKES.—(Second Section).—For Australian Suburban ponies of 1941. Weight for inches as per scale. Six furlongs.

C.V.K.'s Amulet Star 152 lb. (S. Needa) 1
C.H.'s Black Seal 152 lb. (L. D. Chao) 2
Toots' A Surprising Time 152 lb. (H. J. Holden) 3

11 starters.
Won by a neck; short head.
Time—1.19.1.
Parti-mutuel.—Winner \$34.60. Places \$0; \$11.00; \$8.30; \$7.90.

4-1.30 P.M.—MAIDEN STAKES.—For China ponies, bona fide Grifflins of 1941 meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Six furlongs.

T.K.L.'s O-Lan 140 lb. (V. V. Needa) 1
C.V.K.'s Amulet Star 152 lb. (S. Needa) 2
Marber's Falber 152 lb. (C. G. G. G.) 3

Won by three lengths; four lengths.
Time—1.23.3.
Parti-mutuel.—Winner \$24.00. Places \$3.70; \$3.30; \$5.00.

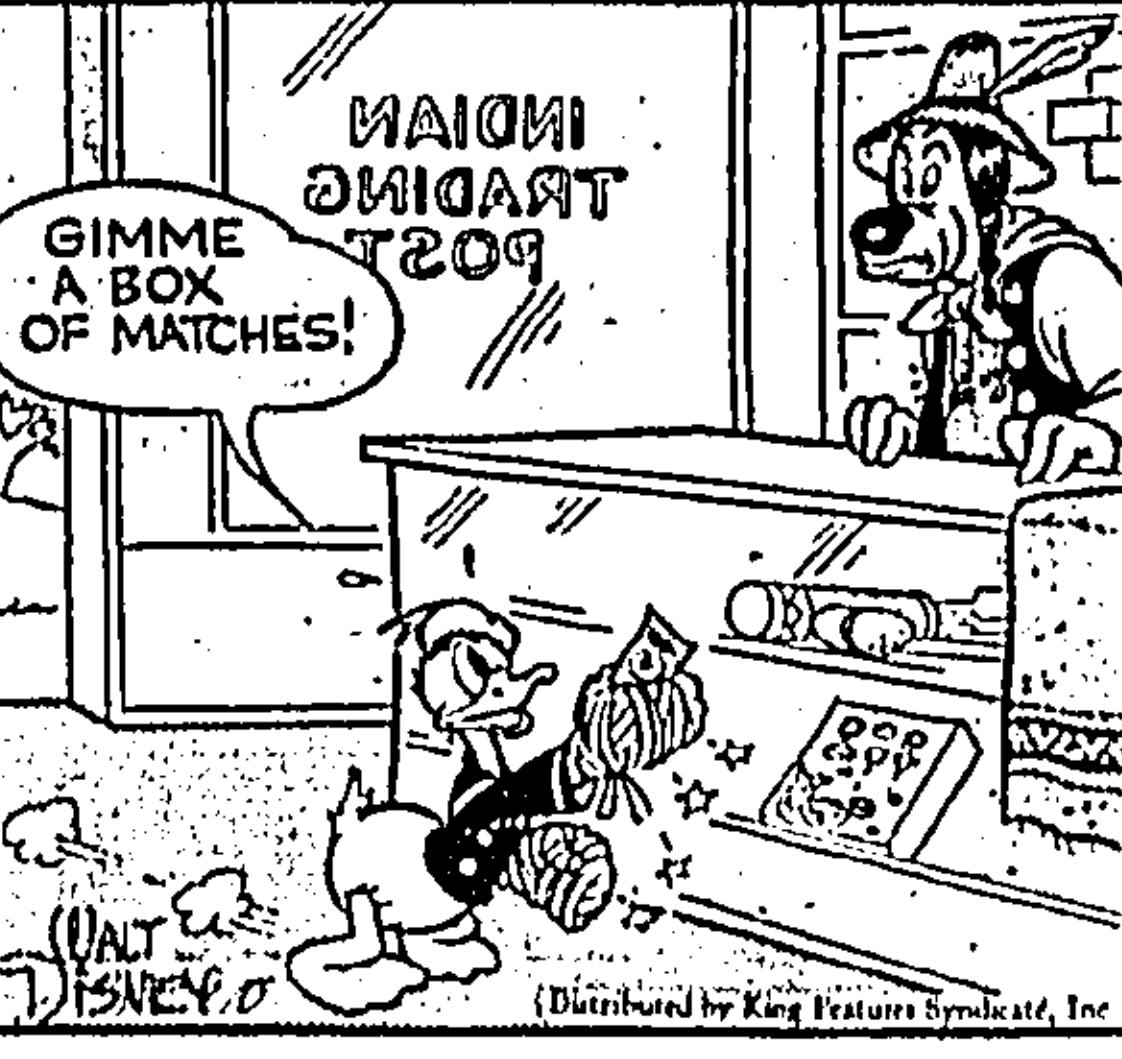
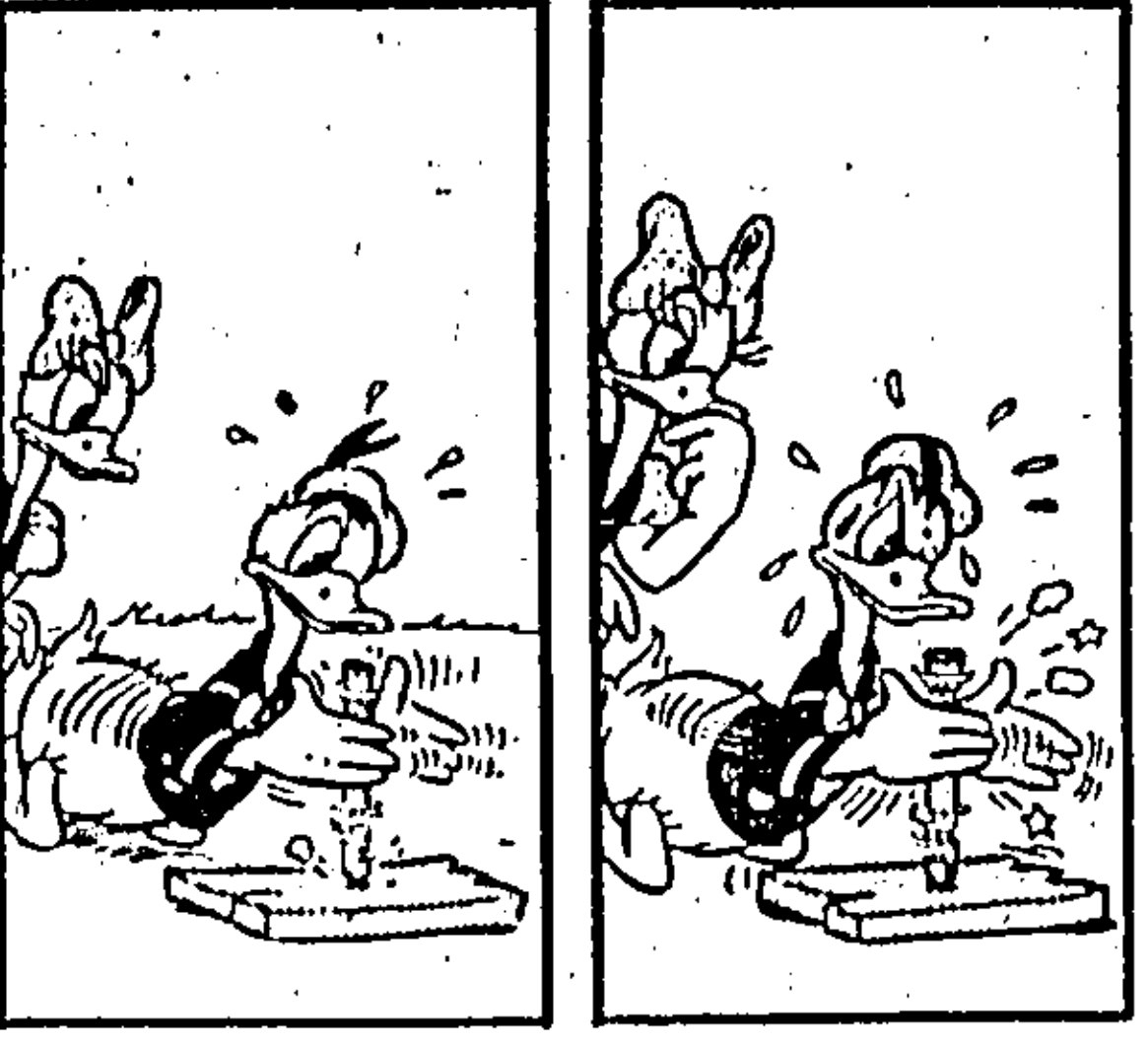
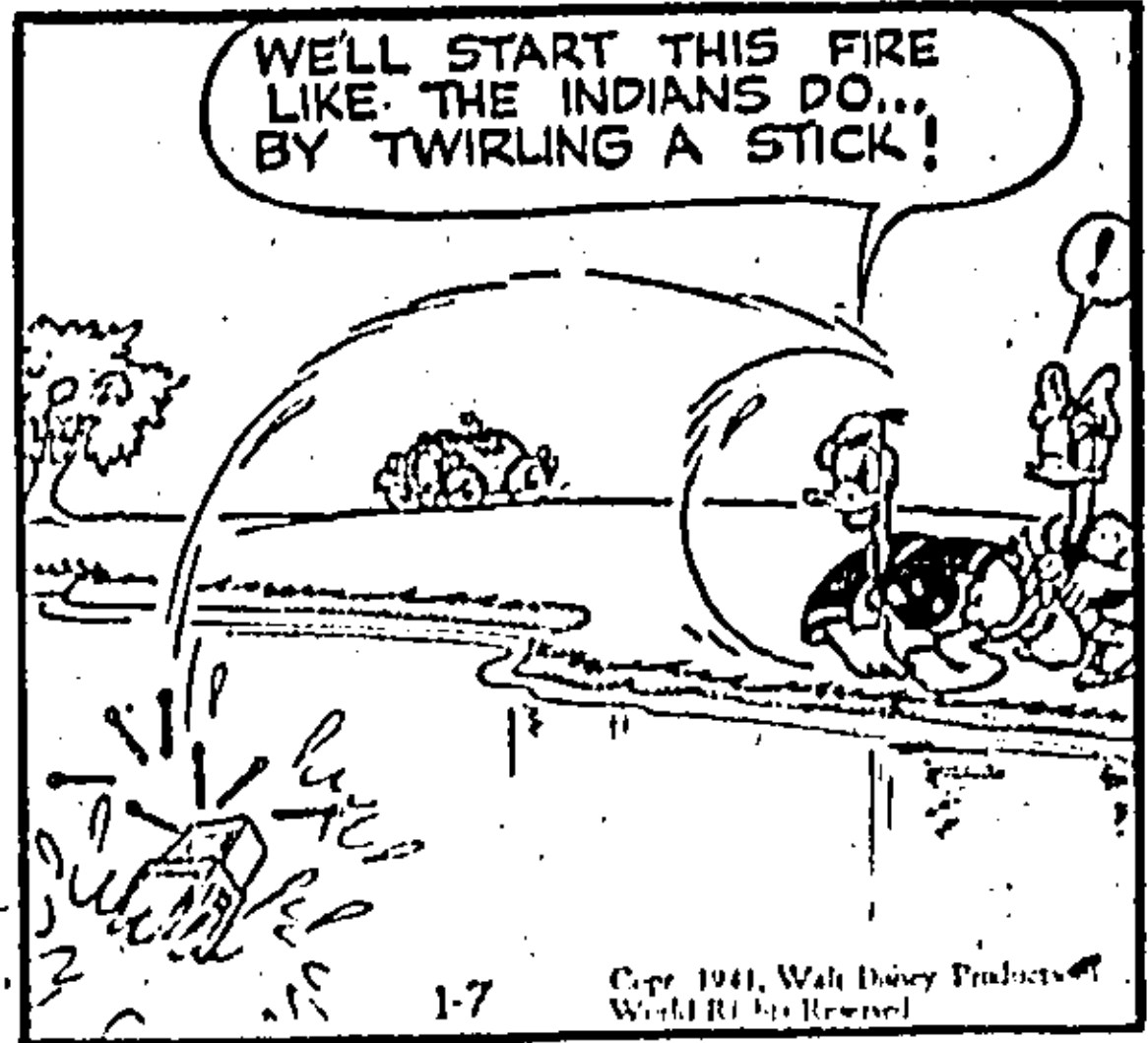
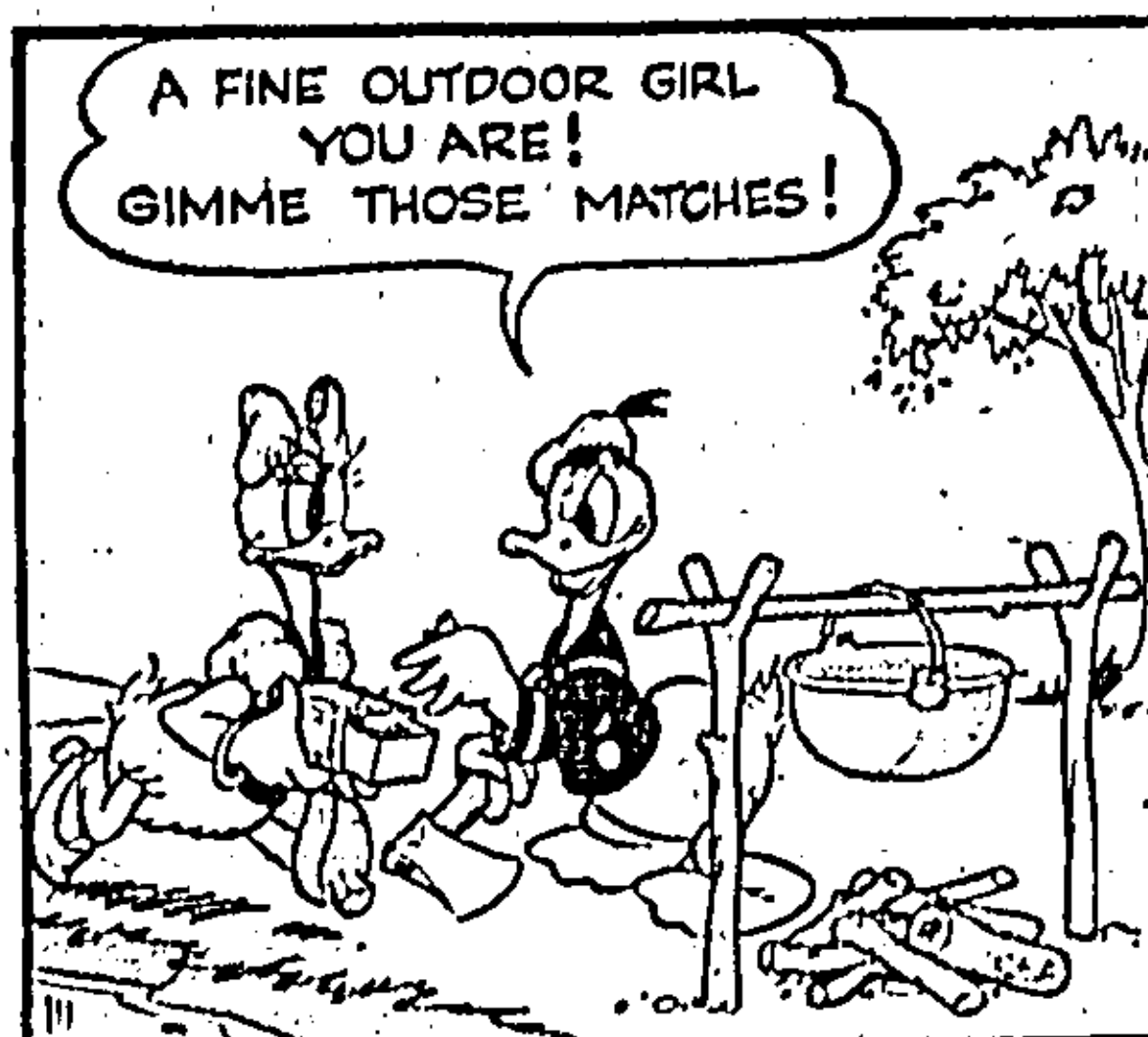
CASH SWEEP RESULTS

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No. 201	\$1,032.70	
No. 1402	\$22.20	
No. 3071	\$78.10	
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 4002, 2702, 405.		
RACE 2		
No. 1704	\$1,601.00	
No. 520	\$78.80	
No. 3059	\$27.40	
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1721, 3052, 1010, 3015, 1708, 2750, 3020, 3025, 2050, 1500, 2021, 102, 3103, 40, 2740.		
RACE 3		
No. 1093	\$2,009.20	
No. 1026	\$73.20	
No. 2180	\$208.00	
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1231, 1030, 1072, 607, 1377, 1052, 3240, 3500.		
RACE 4		
No. 940	\$1,823.00	
No. 1104	\$21.60	
No. 4710	\$20.00	
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 4424, 670, 445, 650, 1045, 53, 4540, 2070, 4000, 2311, 3310, 2172, 3300, 2747, 4002, 3103.		
RACE 5		
No. 3435	\$2,135	
No. 1040	\$10	
No. 1052	\$200	
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12.30 Bruch—Concerto No. 1 in G Minor, Op. 26.

12.54 Two Songs by Benjamin Glaz (Tenor).

Addio Bel Sogno; Soloperte, Lucia (film "La Canzone dell'Amore").

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Some Welsh Songs.

1.15 Hand of His Majesty's Coldstream Guards.

1.30 Reuter and Regby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Variety.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Selections from Gilbert and Sullivan's "Ruddigore".

7.0 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 Studio—Talk on Ballet illustrated by gramophone records.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 This week's programmes.

8.07 Negro Spirituals.

Lay Down Love (arr. Gellett); Paul Robeson (Bass)—with Piano.

Goin' To Ride Up In De Chariot (arr. Brown); Every Time I Feel De Spirit (arr. Brown); Paul Robeson and Lawrence Brown with Piano, Work All De Summer; Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel; Paul Robeson (Bass) with Piano.

8.15 London Relay—"Hi, Gang!"

9.0 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 Moussorgsky—"Pictures at an Exhibition" Suite.

Promenade—Gnomes—The Old Castle—Tulleries—Hydrio Ballet of the Unhatched Chickens—Samuel Goldenberg and Schmyle—The Market Place in Limoges—Catacombs—The Hut on Fovels—Leks—The Great Gate at Kiev; Boston Symphony Orchestra conducted by Koussevitzky.

10.0 Songs by Theodore Challepale (Bass).

Black Eyes; The Prisoner (Rubinstein).

10.10 Eileen Joyce at the Piano.

Cuprice Espagnol (Moszkowski); Novelette No. 2 in D Major (Schumann); Devotion (Liebeslied) (Schumann—arr. Liszt); Viennese Dance No. 2 (Garlner).

10.25 A Programme of English Music.

Saxo-Rhapsody (Eric Coates); Sigurd Rascher (Saxophone) with Symphony Orchestra cond. by Eric Coates. Songs of the Sea (Coleridge-Taylor); Peter Dawson (Bass) with Orchestra. I Wish My Lonely Caravan; Bird Songs at Eventide I heard you Singing (from "Two Symphonies Rhapsodies—Eric Coates); New Light Symphony Orch. Come Away, Death (Quilter); Derek Oldham (Tenor) with Violin, Cello and Piano. Where The Rainbow Ends—Selection (Quilter); Sidney Torch (Organ).

11.0 Close down.

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China and Macao

14 cents per copy

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held in the Jacobean Room of the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 15th March, 1941, at NOON for the following purposes, namely, to consider the annual statement of accounts and the balance sheet and the reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon, to elect directors and auditors in the place of those retiring, to declare a dividend, to appropriate the balance of Profit and Loss Account as recommended by the Directors, and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE is also given that the Share Transfer Registers will be closed from 1st March, 1941, to 15th March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
R. A. WICKERSON,
Secretary and Manager.
Hongkong, 14th February, 1941.

TRANS PACIFIC FREIGHT BUREAU

Notice to Shippers

Effective April 1, 1941 freight rates in current tariff will be increased by approximately 10%. An amended tariff is being issued. Hongkong, February 15, 1941.

THE "STAR" FERRY CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, the 28th February, 1941, at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 19th February, 1941, to Friday, the 28th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1941.

NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:

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OLD WORLD HAS GONE FOR EVER

Attlee's Speech

LONDON, Feb. 16 (British Wireless).—In the course of a speech at Troopband today, Mr. Clement Attlee stressed to his audience that there could be no return to the pre-war world and that a new world would have to be planned for. Despite all the destruction, British economic power remained and must be used on the right lines.

Rebellion In Abyssinia

Latest Development

ABYSSINIAN newsboys armed with spears and rifles are now distributing free the first national Ethiopian newspaper printed in the country in five years.

The newspaper, entitled "Ban-e-darachen," ("Our King"), is being published in Abyssinia's "Fleet Street," in the forests of the Gollam highlands. It is headed by the Ethiopian Emperor, headed with an impression of the Lion of Judah.

During a forced trek through the bush, I caught up with a camel convoy commanded by a young English officer who was formerly an engineer. He gave me food and shoes and told me that his unit was an Ethiopian propaganda one, composed of strange camel trains that cross the lowlands to Gollam.

His 60 camels carried a printing press, a complete newspaper staff, bundles of newsprint, boxes of Amharic type, some of which had been salvaged after the Abyssinian war, the Emperor's standard bearing the royal seal and Ethiopian coloured boxes of silver dollars.

For some time, pamphlets like those distributed by the R.A.F. have been dropped all over Abyssinia. Now this travelling newspaper has passed within a few miles of an enemy position in a spot in the forest where it is published weekly. Armed Abyssinian newsboys are distributing the newspaper among the Ethiopian forces, village populations living in caves and sometime almost within a stone's throw of the enemy's camps.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued Saturday says:

For a short session there was a fair turnover with China Lights recording a slight improvement.

Buyers

Bank of East Asia \$76

Union Ins. \$412.50

Providents \$570

Lands 4% Debentures \$97.50

Lights "O" \$8

Cements \$17.50

Sellers

Realities \$3.75

Trams \$17.05

Lights "O" \$8.20

Electricity "O" \$39.75

Sales

H.K. Banks \$1,400

Union Ins. \$411

Lands \$34.25

Star Ferries \$57

Lights "O" \$6.15/20

Watsons \$11

Coastal War In South China

Japanese Warships Engaged

CHUNGKING, Feb. 17 (Central News).—Townsmen in the Sunwai district in south Kwangtung were recaptured by the Chinese on February 15, according to military reports.

Japanese troops in occupation of Townsmen were intercepted when they tried to push westward. The Chinese closed in on the town, smashed in and regained control.

Japanese troops made another landing at Nanjhi Island off the Fukien coast on the morning of February 12 in an attempt to re-take it from the Chinese. They were repulsed.

In the afternoon four Japanese warships arrived and marines from the warships tried to land in steam boats. Three bombing planes zoomed overhead to protect them. Still Chinese resistance was encountered.

Japanese marines aboard a warship sailing from Chuenhsin Island off the coast of Changmen in Fukien attempted a landing at Wuchu Isle nearby on February 11 but were driven off.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1/27 1/2
Demand London	1/27 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	1/27 1/2
T.T. Singapore	1/27 1/2
T.T. Japan	1/27 1/2
T.T. India	1/27 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	1/27 1/2
T.T. Manila	1/27 1/2
T.T. Batavia	1/27 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	1/27 1/2
T.T. Saigon	1/27 1/2
T.T. France	1/27 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	1/27 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/27 1/2

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	24 1/2
4 m/s France	Nom.
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/2

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks	1,400 n.
H.K. Banks	70 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.)	77 n.
Chartered	7 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.	23 n.
Mercantile, C.	11 1/2 n.
East Asia	70 n.

INSURANCES

Cantons	215 b.
Union	412 1/2 b.
China Underwriters	1 n.
H.K. Fire	170 b.

SHIPPING

Douglas	135 n.
Steamboats	9.5 n.
Indo-China	100 n.
Indo-China D.	100 n.
Shell (Bearers)	41/10 1/2 n.
Waterboats	7 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves	88 n.
Docks (old)	17.00 n.
Docks (new)	17 n.
Providents	5 1/2 n.
Shui Dockyards	25 n.

MINING

Kallan	18 n.
Raub	8 n.
H.K. Mines	1 1/4 cts. n.

LANDS

Hotel	3.00 n.
Lands	34 1/4 sa.
Lands 4% Debentures	97 1/2 b.
Shai Lands Sh.	10.80 n.
Humphreys	7.05 n.
H.K. Realities	3.70 n.
Chinese Estates	88 n.

UTILITIES

Trams	17.00 n.
Peaks Trams (old)	7 1/2 n.
Peak Trams (new)	3 1/2 n.
Star Ferries	57 sa.
Y. Ferries	24 n.
China Lights (old)	615/20 b.
China Lights (new)	1.07 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric (old)	39 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric (new)	39 1/2 n.
Macao Electric (old)	17 1/2 n.
Macao Electric (new)	10 1/2 n.
Sandakan Lights	12 n.
Telephones (old)	24 1/2 n.
Telephones (new)	20 n.

INDUSTRIALS

Cold: Macg. (Ord.)	Sh. \$30 n.
Cold: Macg. (Pref.)	Sh. \$25 n.
Iceberg	1 n.
Construction (new)	17.00 n.
H.K. Ropes	8 1/2 n.

STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms	10.20 n.
Watsons	11/10.05 sa.
Lane Crawford	7 1/2 n.
Sinceres	2.15 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	30 n.
Powell Ltd.	1.00 n.

COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh. S.	37 1/2 n.
Shai Cotton Sh.	20 1/2 n.

MISC.

H.K. Govt 4%	90 1/4 b.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1934)	94 1/2 b.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1940)	94 1/2 b.
Ch Govt. 5% 1925 G.S.Bds.	42 1/2 n.
H.K. Entertainment	7 n.
Constructions (old)	1.00 n.
Constructions (new)	7.00 n.
Vibro Piling	7.70 n.
Martmans Inv. (H.K.)	6/3 n.
Martmans Inv. (H.K.)	6/3 n.

British Lose Flying Boat

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The British flying boat "Clyde" was sunk in the River Tagus at Lisbon yesterday during a hurricane which swept the Portuguese capital, it is learned in London.

The Clyde was recently employed in the West African service of British Airways.

OBLITERATION OF POLES

Nazi Vandalism

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—Desperate attempts are being made by the Germans to remove all traces of Polish life in the western part of Poland, says a "Reuter" correspondent. Even memorials and tombstones in cemeteries are being taken away and cemeteries are being ploughed up or turned into public parks.

The statues of many famous Poles are being removed by order of Dr. Franch, the Nazi governor of Poland. Among them is the statue of Marshal Poincaré, one of the most famous of Napoleon's marshals, who committed suicide after the Battle of Leipzig. His statue stood in Pilsudski Square, the principal open space in Warsaw, where it was set up in 1923 after it had been brought back from Russia. The inauguration ceremony was attended by Marshal Foch, who was then created a Polish Marshal.

The whereabouts of the statue are not now known. The statue of Copernicus, the astronomer owing to his world renown, has not been destroyed but the Polish inscription has been erased and replaced by a German one.



Sunday

February 9

Colony's Shortcomings. The commemoration of the occupation of Hong Kong one hundred years ago, says "The Review," has been a reminder to the people of the shortcomings of the Colony.

After His Excellency the Acting Governor's address, we had four talks on the subject in its various forms, one on the Amateur Dramatic Club, one on the Commercial, one on Law, two from the Churches, and others on Anglo-Chinese co-operation and then reminiscences of older Chinese gentlemen.

A century is no doubt a time for recording successes, and ignoring failures, and in that respect the talks were representative. They showed a cross-section of the Colony's activities and indicated where its main interests lay.

Some who were more conscious of failure especially in social services than of success in commerce and industry were glad that there was an excuse for not making too much of the century.

Talks on educational work in the Colony, on the voluntary organizations, and on medical services were notably absent. The best one would have been an outline of plans for social betterment in the future, but idealism is not a strong feature of the Colony.

The Dean alone took a loftier view and pointed out the necessity for a deep religious faith on which to build a better world and a better Colony. Material progress is not enough. The quality of life must be improved, since a wealthy Colony is merely vulgar.

We have lawdry and noisy funerals, extravagant displays at weddings, innumerable cabarets and cinemas, horse racing and gambling, luxurious motor cars and on the other hand degrading poverty, slums and street sleeping.

We have few schools, no worthy civic centre, no art gallery, museum or library.

We have a tender regard for wealth and vested interests and so avoid the imposition of an Income Tax.

It is quite easy to point to successes in the past century, but the English way is to take successes for granted and concentrate on the abolition of the evils of social life.

Hongkong Finances. The financial statement at the end of September, 1940, shows the Colony's excess assets over liabilities to be \$18,734,673 to which is added \$5,717,584 revenue in October. From this total is deducted the expenditure in October of \$3,358,187.98, which leaves a credit balance of \$21,094,070.14.

War Revenue for October was \$502,690.05, bringing the total of such revenue to the end of that month to \$3,344,140.78.

25 Years an Editor. Almost the entire staff of the South China Morning Post and Hongkong Telegraph assembled on Saturday before the desk of the Editor of the South China Morning Post, Mr. Henry Ching, to whom they made gifts in honour of his twenty-five years service with the paper.

Making the presentation, which was in the form of a gold watch suitably inscribed and an album bearing the signatures of the staff, Mr. B. Wylie, General Manager, recalled the day in February, 1916, when Mr. Ching applied for a job as a junior reporter, and reviewed the changes in conditions from then to the fuller equipment of to-day. He paid tribute to Mr. Ching's competence as a reporter and as Editor since 1924, when he succeeded the late Mr. Thomas Petrie in the chair at the latter's retirement, and wished him many more years of happiness and good service.

In his reply, Mr. Ching thanked Mr. Wylie for his kindness and encouragement over many years and the staff for their loyal co-operation, patience and the kindly thought that prompted the gifts.

Referring to his 33 years of journalism, Mr. Ching considered himself lucky to have been a journalist in the years that included two great wars and many world changes—lucky to have been a journalist at all, for though it was a treadmill, he knew of no profession offering better apprenticeship. For the paper and for himself he had tried to make "Excellence" the motto, and he commended that slogan. He offered the opinion whimsically that the two fundamental requirements for a reporter were shorthand and to have the heart broken early—so that nothing thereafter had power to hurt.

February 10

Situation At Shanyueh. While rumors are current that the Japanese are evacuating Shanyueh, the town off Mira Bay, most Chinese sources agree that the Japanese have remained there, although their garrison has been considerably weakened. The Japanese garrison at Shanyueh is believed to be only 300, most of them having been sent to relieve Tamshui.

It is, however, reliably learned that hundreds of Chinese refugees and loading coolies at Shanyueh are facing starvation as their food supplies from Hongkong have been cut and many were prevented by the Japanese from leaving. The Hongkong-Shanyueh ferries have not resumed running.

At Shanyueh, and Kweichow, the Japanese captured many guerrilla suspects, including some of the villagers. Chinese reports allege. Many makeshift built by transportation companies as temporary godowns were destroyed. Some of the guerrilla suspects were imprisoned by the Japanese at the Watchow Restaurant, Shanyueh, and by day they were forced to help the Japanese in rebuilding the damage highways near Shanyueh.

Guerrillas' Success. Chinese sources report that after a counter-attack Chinese troops have recaptured both Tamshui, north of Mira Bay, and Leelung, which is along the Canton-Kowloon railway. After the Chinese entry into Tamshui the Japanese troops, numbering about 1,000 men, withdrew to the north.

Prior to the Chinese recapture of Tamshui the Japanese last week included Wing Woo, but the guerrillas there gave them surprisingly strong resistance, which foiled the advance. When the Japanese first landed at Mira Bay their original scheme was to occupy Tamshui, Lung Kong and finally Watchow. But after the battle at Tamshui the Japanese found that the Chinese had a stronger force in this sector of the East River zone than they first anticipated. For the reason the 10,000 or so Japanese who had been assembled between Shanyueh and Po On have remained inactive.

An important Japanese army conference was held at Namtau last week in which a Japanese division commander from Canton discussed the East River campaign with the commanders at Po On. The same

officer left later for Bias Bay, where he inspected the defences.

Advance from Shumchun

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Prisoners At Work. Prisoners at Stanley are actively engaged in air raid preparations within the prison walls. Two machines turn out nearly 200 concrete blocks every day for the erection of shelters for the prisoners.

The wartime activities of the prisoners extend beyond the confines of the establishment. Major J. L. Williams, Superintendent of Prisons, commented yesterday:

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(vi) has been deported, banished or expelled from any country or state or authorities of any country or state with a view to his being repatriated.

(vii) is suspected of being likely to promote sedition or to cause a disturbance of public tranquillity.

(viii) cannot show that he has definite employment or that he has a reasonable prospect of obtaining employment in this Colony.

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But a close inspection revealed rust marks in the screws, indicating that they had fallen off earlier and that the weight of the plaque was too much for the solitary screw left.

The plaque was sent to the Public Works Department to be re-fixed.

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P. P. Chan and K. J. Atwell beat Odell and Talan 21-13; beat Godkin and Rambler 21-14; beat Polak and Odell 21-7.

W. C. Chung and K. H. Lo lost to Odell and Talan 20-23; beat Godkin and Rambler 25-22; beat Polak and Odell 21-12.

Review Of

The

Principal Topics

February 9

To Feb. 15

Wednesday

February 12

Hongkong's Buses. Cable advice has been received by the China Motor Bus Company that the first two of the 30 Daimler chassis ordered for double-decker buses a year ago, will be shipped within the next three months, and it is expected that the balance will arrive, two at a time, at monthly intervals.

This was revealed by Mr. Ngan Shing-kwan, General Manager of the Company, when he disclosed that the Company's \$1,000,000 scheme for running 60-passenger double-decker buses on the lower level routes in Hongkong will thus be delayed for another year-and-a-half or two years.

The original scheme, Mr. Ngan said, was to get the chassis equipped with all-metal bodies from England at a cost of £1,725 per chassis and £1,000 for the body. But it was later decided to import the chassis only and build the bodies in Hongkong.

Unfortunately owing to war conditions in Europe, it is difficult to obtain deliveries and at the present rate it may be the end of 1942 before the first complete fleet of the Colony's double-decker-buses is in service. If the two chassis due to be shipped in May arrive here before August, the first double-decker bus should be in service by the beginning of September.

This will, to some extent, relieve the over-crowding on the lower level routes which has been a cause of complaint for some time.

The estimated cost importing the first 30 chassis, building the bodies and equipping the vehicles for service is estimated at approximately \$1,000,000 and the Company is anxious to get on with the scheme, but delays in delivery caused by the war are holding up the project.

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Police Officers Retire. Mr. Robert Horne, Ethelbert Marks, Assistant Superintendent of Police (Eastern and Shaukiwan Division), is shortly leaving the Colony on leave prior to retirement on pension after 32 years' service with the Hongkong Police Force.

Born at St. Paul's, Runigate, England, Mr. Marks came to Hongkong with the Buffs (The Royal West Kent Regiment), and joined the Police on July 29, 1909, as a constable. He was promoted Lance Sergeant in 1914, Sub-Inspector in 1920, and Inspector in October, 1925. In November, 1931, he was appointed Examiner of Weights and Measures, and in February, 1933, was appointed Acting Chief Inspector. He attained the substantive rank of Chief Inspector in August of the same year.

After acting as an Assistant Superintendent of Police since May, 1937, Mr. Marks was substantiated in the rank in February, 1938.

During his period of service, Mr. Marks has won several awards, including the 4th Class Police Medal for good work in March, 1934, received the 3rd Class Police Medal for long and faithful service. He was decorated with the Colonial Police Long Service Medal in June, 1937, and was given a bar to the Medal in July, 1939.

During his period of service, Mr. Marks has had five home leaves. He is 54 years of age.

A popular member of the Police and Recreation Clubs, Mr. Marks is a keen lawn bowler, and has represented both Clubs in the League.

Mr. Marks will be sailing for Australia, where he will join his wife. He has two sons in England.

INSPECTOR S. SHEPHERD

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Promoted through the different ranks, Inspector Shepherd reached the rank of Inspector in September, 1939. He was commended by the then Inspector General of Police in 1932 for gallantry and alertness in preventing an armed robbery at Shatin, New Territories. On October 10, 1939, he was awarded the Colonial Police Long Service Medal, and received a commendation in August, 1939, for the efficient and hard-working manner in which he had carried out his duties with the Water Police since 1935.

Though he did not take an active part in games, Inspector Shepherd was a keen member of both the Police and Recreation Clubs.

His retirement has been brought about as a result of the wounds he received in the last war affecting him.

A.R.P. Work Held Up—Progress
on building new air raid shelter tunnels is held up at the moment by a shortage of equipment and personnel but every effort is being made to enlarge the existing tunnels, stated Mr. M. L. Bevan, Training Officer, to-day.

Mr. Bevan was deputising for the Director of Air Raid Precautions, Wing-Comdr Steele-Perkins, who is at present in hospital with influenza.

The A.R.P. Department has just been given sanction to purchase 4,000 stirrup pumps and 10,000 tubs, each capable of holding 40 gallons of water. This is a recognised A.R.P. fire-fighting equipment and has and is being used extensively in England for combating fires caused by incendiary bombs. These stirrup pumps and tubs will be distributed throughout the town and the congested areas. It was proposed, said Mr. Bevan, to manufacture the pumps and the tubs in Hongkong. The Railway had turned out stirrup pumps for them in the past and would probably do so again.

We are urgently in need of another 600 of these Corps Piers, who will be attached to the various A.R.P. units for the purposes of carrying out message, etc. At the moment we have only 1,150 in this Corps and the required strength is 1,650," said Mr. Bevan.

In answer to a question, he said that they did not propose to start construction on tunnels in Bonham Road or Caine Road at present but every site was being surveyed. He agreed that there were many Chinese schools in the area, but said that in a time of emergency these schools would be closed.

Westday of Year. Rainfall
totalled 2,355 inches was recorded Odell 21-12.

Police v St John's
Police lost to St John's 3-0. W. Gilles and Red Gordon lost to S. Eardley and D. Kwok 14-21; beat N. Smith and M. Whitley 21-12; beat H. Dingsdale and H. S. Su lost to Eardley and Kwok 17-21; lost to Smith and Whitley 17-21; beat Maynard and Ladd 21-7.

Kowloon Tong v K.C.C.
Kowloon Tong lost to K.C.C. 6-4. Wah beat Victoria Recreation Club Peter Lo and John Chan lost to B-1.

Thursday

February 13

ACTING INSPECTOR RODGERS
Another member of the Police Force who is retiring for a similar reason is Acting Inspector Henry Ernest Rodgers. He saw service in the last war, and joined the Force on June 20, 1910, serving in Hongkong in August. After four years' service as a Crown-Sergeant, he was promoted Sub-Inspector in 1929. He was appointed Acting Inspector in June last year. In May, 1939, he was commended by the Commissioner of Police for his capable and efficient services while acting as Officer-in-Charge of Mongkok Police Station.

Inspector Rodgers has been recommended for His Excellency the Governor's Commendation, and also for the Colonial Police Long Service Medal. SUB-INSPECTOR W. M. ALMUTT, who is retiring on pension is Sub-Inspector William Matthias Almutt, who has been a member of the Police Force since March, 1921.

Other Police officers who are proceeding on leave at the same time as the retiring members of the Force include Acting Chief Inspector J. C. S. Fenner and Sub-Inspector J. Oren. Mrs. Anderson Dies. Now living in Hongkong that on October 13, 1940, at Uddevalla, Sweden, Ella Gudrun Anderson (nee Andersson), wife of Mr. H. M. Anderson, formerly of the Chinese Maritime Customs, passed away peacefully after a short illness, at the age of 44.

She was well known to many friends in China and held in high esteem as a faithful friend by those who knew her best.

Mrs. Anderson had been with her husband in Samshui, Macao, Peking, Canton and Nanking. The Anderssons returned home to Sweden in 1935, upon his retirement from the Customs after having completed 31 years' service.

Colony's Water Reserves. While the contents of island reservoirs at the end of January showed an increase over those at the corresponding date in 1940, reservoirs in Kowloon had an appreciable decrease.

On the island the storage was 1,337.83 million gallons, against 1,307.09 on the mainland, the figures were 1,572.91 and 2,297.31.

The consumption of water on the island during the month was 473.07 million gallons (including 27.13 million gallons from the mainland and 445.94 million gallons of unfiltered water) by an estimated population of 330,000 at the rate of 18.4 gallons per head per day. The rate per head per day in January 1940 was 15.1 by an estimated population of 360,000.

In Kowloon (excluding Lai Chi Kok Water Boat Dock) the consumption during January was 374.79 million gallons by an estimated population of 770,000 at 14.5 gallons per day, as against 300.59 million gallons by 800,000 people at 11.2 gallons per day in January 1940.

The Lai Chi Kok Water Boat Dock consumed 4.53 million gallons against 6.29 and the consumption of unfiltered water in the village totalled 14.59 million, against 10.72 the previous January. During the month there was a considerable supply on January 25-26 and a 17-hour supply otherwise. In 1940 there was a 17-hour supply throughout.

At the Royal Observatory to-day making it the wettest day of the year so far. With a minimum temperature of 40 degrees, yesterday was also the coldest day of the current month, being just one degree above minimum temperature on January 31, which has been the coldest day this year.

The previous highest rainfall recorded this year was on January 21, when 2.13 inches were registered.

The lowest temperature recorded in February was in 1901 when a minimum of 38.4 degrees was reached. February is usually the coldest month of the year in the Colony and only 11 times during the past 50 years has the February temperature failed to drop below 49 degrees.

The Royal Observatory reported that there was little change in the anticyclone which covered the whole of China, Japan and the neighbourhood. Pressure remained highest to the north of the Yangtze. The weather forecast is north-east winds; fresh, cloudy with rain; improving slowly.

Police Make Merry. The combined Police and Police Reserve dinner, dance and cabaret at the Peninsula Hotel to-night was well attended and was a great success in every way.

The dance was in aid of British and Chinese war charities.

Among those present, in addition to the Acting Governor, were the following who sat at the main table: Major General A. E. Grassett, Commandant, A. E. Collinson, Sir Ahnold and Lady MacGregor, Hon. Mr. N. L. and Mrs. Smith, Hon. Mr. C. B. and Mrs. Perdue, Hon. Mr. S. H. and Miss Dodwell, Hon. Mr. W. N. T. Tam, Mr. Justice Williams, Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Tso, Mr. O. Eager, Mr. Abbas Khan, Miss Egan, and Mr. W. T. Tso, Major Champion, and Mr. W. W. Carter.

A silver tray presented by Mr. Li Jowson and 100 sets of stamps presented by Mr. E. Roth, were auctioned, Mr. T. B. Wilson acting as auctioneer. The tray was bought by Mr. Abbas Khan for \$1,000 and the stamps by Mr. H. G. McNery for \$300.

The cabaret entertainment opened with a vocal solo by Miss Elvise Yuen, Mrs. Mina To appeared in a ballet dance which was followed by a tango by Miss Laura Tso and Mr. Hugh Goldie. A tap dance by Miss Regina Yui and several other well-regarded items combined to make the show a great success.

Saturday

February 15

Football Results. Results in local league and cup football were as follows:

First Division	
Sing Tao	1
Royal Scots	1
Kwong Wah	2
Police	10
Second Division	
R.A.O.C.	1
Sing Tao	1
South China	1
Club	1
Kwong Wah	1
Third Division	
20th R.A.	1
24th R.A.	1
30th R.A.	1
A.S.A.	1
R.A.M.C.	1
Lal Wah Cup Final	
Army	2
Civilians	5

* Postponed.

Quips By "Argus"

With Acknowledgments

Blau makes his bow.

Buns are, of course, Bardia—but, Genoa better Navy?

Popular song at home: "Willie No Come Back Again."

I hear that General Gorgonzola will no longer be offensive.

"Air Force Miss Berry". But by forcing a draw with the Gunners they go to Mr. Raspberry.

Hemlingway should have a good reception here since the recent popularity of "Farewell to Marins".

The Editor believes that reporters should have their hearts broken early. Perhaps this is why so many of them marry young.

I can foresee tremendous competition in future for the privilege of being official money-changers to the Immigration Department.

Crime in Hongkong just now is terrible. I see where a man has taken as many as ten tickets belonging to the Royal Engineers.

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DEMOCRACY VERSUS DEMAGOGUERY

WHEN Winston Churchill said that he was watching "with deep emotion the stirring processes" by which American democracy is preparing to give Britain the support to hold "the front line," he paid tribute to the ability of a free people to reach decisions by free discussion. On the whole, the American people are displaying a grasp of essentials which deserves that tribute. But some of the performances that have turned the hearings on the lend-lease bill into a sideshow evoke "deep emotion" which is far from admiration.

The witnesses before the House Foreign Relations Committee have testified with earnestness and dignity. But when some committee members indulge in such demagoguery, headline hunting, irrelevances and buffoonery as to disgust fellow members, reporters and the public, the question must rise as to whether democratic processes can survive. Such a display of Nero's fiddling at a time when the world is afire is surely to be deprecated. We believe the vast majority of Americans do deeply disapprove. And the sideshow has not prevented the soberer and important parts of the hearing from carrying to the people the information they seek.

Democracy is strong enough to absorb even demagoguery—if there is time. The most disturbing feature of the hearings is the evidence that so many members of the Committee do not sense the fact that they are able to take time for such hearings only because the British bulwark still holds. We hope the people are adequately awake to that fact.—*Christian Science Monitor.*

BEHIND WASHINGTON POLICY U.S. EAGER TO KNOW BRITISH WAR AIMS

By

EVERETT HOLLES

(United Press Cables Editor)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (UP).—The United States is anxious to learn, before it goes "all out" in forging masses of weapons for Britain, the full scope of the British war aims, and to be convinced that the unwavering determination is to wipe out Hitlerism in a struggle to the finish.

This is a subject which high Washington officials refuse to discuss publicly, but it can be stated on good authority that they are making quiet and thorough inquiries.

Hopkins' Task

It was one of the principle tasks of President Roosevelt's personal envoy to London, Mr. Harry L. Hopkins, to get the private low-down on Britain's war aims as well as to discuss means of standardisation and collaboration in British and American arms production.

Information from London indicates that Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Winston Churchill have discussed these war aims and have decided not to elaborate upon them publicly at this time because Britain's immediate task, as Churchill has said, is to "exterminate Hitlerism."

But until these war aims are set forth, in regard not only to the crushing of Hitlerism but post-war Britain as well, there will remain some apprehension as to what socialistic imprints will be left in Britain after the conflict.

In contending that Britain is this country's first line of de-

fence, and basing his all-out aid programme on that principle, Mr. Roosevelt must, in order to make his plans effective on a long-range basis, have knowledge of how far Britain intends to go in fighting Hitler.

This, of course, assumes that the British can withstand and repulse Hitler's "supreme attack" to break their resistance, in whatever form that attack may be.

Should the British repulse a German "knock-out" blow and then, feeling their bargaining position to be stronger, consent to a negotiated peace, the United States might be left holding the bag.

From a policy of all-out aid to Britain, perhaps even to the point of sacrificing in the emergency weapons intended for the U. S. armed forces, this country would be forced back almost overnight on the necessity of throwing up a new front line of defence in the western hemisphere.

No Suspicion

This desire to learn the full scope of Britain's war plans does not betray a suspicion of the British, I was assured in high Washington circles, but is motivated by the U. S. Government's insistence "upon building our defences in the most practical, long-range manner."

Progress of the Blockade

Germans Spread Coal on Bread

By H. ROBERTSON HOLMES,
famous research chemist.

BRITAIN'S ever-tightening blockade of the continent is forcing Germany to fall back on more and more Ersatz products.

The ingenuity of her chemists is being hard put to it to supply the country's need of vital chemicals and foods.

Meanwhile, the disgruntled German hausfrau faces the winter with real dread.

Well she might. Just before the war began I and a number of other British chemists were at the German Sebacia Acid works at Witten-in-the-Ruhr.

Von Klotzbach, one of the senior chemists of the Krupp combine, lifted a serviette from a dish.

"Lunch is served," he beamed, revealing—a piece of ordinary white deal wood!

"From this block of wood we can get alcohol, sugar, and glue," he said. "And"—uncovering another serviette, to disclose eleven lumps of hard coal—"from this coal we can get rubber, butter, nitric acid, artificial textiles, and toluol, the vital constituent of the high-explosive T.N.T."

Tastes Like Rubber

When a German hausfrau grouses, "This butter tastes like rubber," she may be quite right, for a chemical combine of Krupp, Hoesch and Haniel-Komzern (who are leaders among the coal "kings" of Germany) are now making artificial butter and rubber from the same lumps of coal, and deriving a considerable profit thereby.

Two questions immediately arise in connection with "Ersatz" stuff:

Have the German chemists any special discoveries which we lack?

Why don't we make "Ersatz" rubber, butter, soap, fabrics and so forth?

So far as the first query is concerned, I can assure you that the bigger combines like Imperial Chemical Industries, Levers, and so on have for years made a close study of Nazi Ersatz, and some of our "espionage" stories in this connection equal any of the spy adventures of the Foreign Office!

We have our own agents actually working in the big German chemical works, and for years our "Fifth Column" chemists have been revealing to us every new discovery of Nazi scientists.

When Krupp could no longer rely on getting good supplies of Chilean nitrates he began to use a secret process for extracting toluol from coal.

Grim Joke

I can assure you that this same system for making high-explosives from coal has been tested in a Nottingham laboratory, but we have no need to waste money on the whole-sale development of the scheme.

We can still get our nitrate and other supplies from South America; and were we fooled from doing so we should use an even superior method of obtaining nitrates.

How do they get sugar and alcohol from wood?

Von Klotzbach was the inventor of the steam-treating process that, from 200 lbs. of wood, produces 24 quarts of pure alcohol and 60 lbs. of lignin.

Wood shavings are stored in towers like Canadian wheat towers, and after several months of storage the shavings are steam-treated under great pressure, and the natural resin of the wood is then distilled in the same way that crude oil is turned into petrol.

The resulting Ersatz alcohol works much better in aeroplane engines than in the human stomach! "Mir lauft das Wasser im Munde zusammen (my mouth is watering already)," joked a Nazi doctor when Von Klotzbach showed me the block of wood from which he was going to make alcohol. It was a grim joke.

reaching Washington official quarters so far have described the British war spirit as high. Mr. Hopkins will report on his first-hand tour of provincial centres.

3. Whether Britain means, as Mr. Churchill has said, to carry the war back to Germany with an invasion of the continent in 1942, and what resources she will have for such an undertaking, on the basis of the present situation.

4. How the United States can help in preparations for such a British offensive, not only in supplying planes and other arms but, by means of economic warfare, assist to cripple Germany internally.

5. Whether Britain is prepared, in the event of victory, to give full support to Mr. Roosevelt's announcement that this nation insists upon a seat at any peace conference, whether or not she actually enters the war, and will insist upon world-wide disarmament.

6. Whether the British are prepared to give other peoples a free share in the resources of her Empire, righting the maladjustments of the World War settlements and offering them both the material advantages from Hitler's own peculiar economic system as well as the advantages of liberty and self-respect.

7. Whether Britain's war aims foresee some sort of a European federation, powerful enough to withstand any attack and providing for the elimination of cut-throat economic competition while still protecting the individual identity of various nations.

U.S. Peace Aims

Mr. Roosevelt, making it clear that regardless of the extent of U. S. involvement in the conflict this country is determined to have its say in framing the post-war world, already has set forth in a generalised way the U. S. peace aims.

They call for (1) freedom of speech and expression everywhere, (2) freedom of worship, (3) freedom from want and economic maladjustments, and (4) freedom from fear, which means disarmaments to a point where no Power will be capable of aggression.

A New Halifax

In connection with Washington's speculation as to the fibre of "negotiated peace" feeling in Britain, there is an interesting story going the Washington rounds regarding the new British Ambassador to the United States, Viscount Halifax.

The fact that Mr. Churchill chose a man closely associated with the Chamberlain policy of "negotiation" has an explanation, according to this story.

Lord Halifax came to the United States because of his former views, not in spite of them, it is said.

His task is to inform non-interventionists, and such groups as the America First Committee, that Britain is determined to see the war through to the complete crushing of Hitlerism; that he, once known as an appeaser, represents this changed and hardened policy in British Tory circles.

As to non-interventionism in the United States, Administration supporters assert that it is cracking up far more rapidly than in 1914-1917.

This, it is claimed, can be attributed as much to Hitler's reaction as to President Roosevelt's policies in themselves.

Hitler's Attitude

Last year, when I accompanied Under-Secretary of State Sumner Welles on his tour of Europe's belligerent capitals, the German attitude toward the United States appeared to be that non-intervention sentiment would outweigh any aggressive Roosevelt policies as regards the Axis.

Now, the Roosevelt administration believes that Hitler's attitude has changed to a belief that the United States really means business.

No one in Washington knows, of course, what Hitler's actual answer will be but the President, it can be said, intends to play this psychological factor to the limit, and on this he bases to a large extent his hopes of keeping the United States out of the hostilities.

In this respect, the provision in the President's aid to Britain bill, turning over U. S. bases for the repair of British warships is significant.

Come what may, the United States wants to make sure that the British and American fleets will stand together.

In his recent fireside radio talk, Mr. Roosevelt said: "I believe that the Axis powers are not going to win this war. I base that belief on the latest and the best information."

So long as British and American sea power is dominant, Hitler can never accomplish his broad plan of conquest.

Information Sought

Through Mr. Hopkins and other channels Washington is anxious to learn:

1. Whether there is any danger that Britain, after some sort of a victory bolstering the British bargaining position, would negotiate a peace in the manner which Mr. Roosevelt has said "would bring no security for ourselves or our neighbours."

2. The actual state of morale among the British people, not only the leaders but the people of the provinces. All reports

WESTERN RUHR, BOULOGNE, CALAIS AND ROTTERDAM BOMBED BY R.A.F.

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—Objectives in the Western Ruhr were the main targets of a considerable attack by British bombers last night, says the Air Ministry. The targets included oil installations in an inland port and aerodromes.

A large number of high explosive bombs were seen to explode in the target areas, causing many large fires.

The port of Rotterdam was also attacked. Bombs were seen to burst in the dock area.

Other bombers carried out a successful sustained routine attack on docks at Boulogne and many large fires were started.

From all these operations, two British aircraft are missing.

Coastal Command aircraft also raided the docks at Calais last night without loss.

From other operations of the Coastal Command yesterday, three British aircraft are missing.

Nazis Lose 12 Planes

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—During the week ending midnight on February 15, twelve German and three British aircraft were destroyed over Britain.

On February 9, three German planes were destroyed; on February 10, one German; on February 12, one German; on February 14, one German and one British; and on February 15, six German and two British.

The British fighter lost on February 14 was the first destroyed in the fighter patrol area since January 4—that is, 41 days.

German Claims

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—According to a German High Command communiqué, German reconnaissance planes inflicted severe damage on two merchant ships yesterday in the Thames Estuary and in the Humber.

The communiqué also stated that military long-range guns shelled "important military objectives" in south-east England on Friday and Saturday and that German dive-bombers attacked British bases in Cirenica with heavy calibre bombs.

Concerning Saturday night's raids on Britain, the communiqué says that considerable German bomber formations attacked south-east England, the Midlands and shipping targets.

Several aerodromes are stated to have been set on fire and stationary planes destroyed. Damage was also done to dock installations on the Thames and in a west coast harbour.

Two merchant ships totalling 9,000 tons are stated to have been sunk, another set ablaze, and a light cruiser was hit by a bomb.

The communiqué continues that attempts by the enemy to fly over occupied territory were repelled on the coast and two British fighters and three bombers were lost in aerial combat.

British Raids

It adds that a small number of high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped in Western Germany last night by the enemy but no important damage was done.

The communiqué concludes: "During these flights over German territory and the night attempts to raid occupied territory, German night fighters shot down four planes. One was brought down by A.A. fire. Thus the total loss to the enemy amounted to ten planes. One German plane is missing."

Bomber Ends In Sea

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—There has been some activity over this country to-day by single enemy aircraft, says the Air Ministry.

British fighters shot down an enemy bomber into the sea off the south coast this morning.

Bombs have been dropped at three points in the London area and in some places in eastern and southern England and the Home Counties.

FOOD for U.K.

Americans Take Up New Cry

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—A nation-wide appeal to President Roosevelt to take steps necessary to ensure Britain's food supplies is being organised.

A letter to Mr. Roosevelt already signed by over 100 prominent Americans, after declaring that the American people overwhelmingly agree with the President's statement that America must become the arsenal of democracy, proceeds.

"The gallant gallions of democracy may need more than arms; they may need food."

"Hitler's boasts of submarine sinkings to date are only a foretaste of what is to come soon. Men no matter how brave, in order to fight victoriously on land, sea and in the air must know that starvation cannot threaten the homes they are defending. It is within our power to see that such a threat does not materialise."

Conquered Peoples

The letter says that conquered peoples "whose food is being stolen from them to feed the German armies of occupation" can be helped only by being freed from the yoke of the oppressor, but Americans can see to it that their only hope of liberation is not destroyed as it would be if the British Isles should be reduced through starvation.

The signatories ask the President to take such steps as may be necessary to make us not only the arsenal but the larder of democracy."

SAPPER IS CHARGED

Forgery Alleged

District Court Martial proceedings against Sapper James Johns of the 40th Company, Royal Engineers, opened at Wellington Barracks this morning.

The Court comprised Major S. F. Hedgecock, Middlesex Regiment (President), Acting Captain W. E. Martin, Royal Artillery and Lieut. H. S. F. Hancock, Middlesex Regiment, while 2/Lieut. W. H. Hayland, Royal Artillery, watched proceedings under instructions.

Captain H. C. Cartwright-Taylor, Royal Engineers, was the prosecuting officer and the defence was in charge of Captain A. J. Le Scelleur, Royal Engineers.

Sapper Johns appeared on three charges of forgery; uttering a forged document, knowing it to be forged; and alternatively, attempting to obtain credit from the Mary Silk Store, No. 69 Johnston Road, Wanchai, by false pretences.

Signature of O.C.

It was alleged that Sapper Johns forged the signature of Major D. M. J. Murray, Officer Commanding 40th Company, Royal Engineers, on a form guaranteeing payment of \$10 per week and authorising the firm to allow him credit up to \$150. He was further alleged to have uttered this document to the firm and to have attempted to obtain a blue suit ("patrols"), underwear and other goods.

Mr. Cuthbert Norman, silk merchant attached to the Mary Silk Store, said that on January 29 accused came to his shop and wanted credit for purchases up to \$150. He was told that credit could only be allowed if payment was guaranteed by an officer of his regiment and he was given a guarantee form for completion and signature by an officer.

Next day accused asked for another guarantee form saying that he had misplaced the first and he was given one. That afternoon he returned with the form which bore a signature purporting to be that of an officer.

The firm doubted its authenticity and wrote to the Officer Commanding the regiment for confirmation.

Delivery Refused
In the meantime, as accused was impatient to obtain goods, he was taken to the firm's tailor and measured for a suit but he was refused delivery of the other goods.

Later when he came in again and wanted to take the goods away, witness told him that the firm had written to his commanding officer.

Then accused tried to laugh the matter away and said that he had written the letter and the signature of Major Murray, adding that the rubber stamp was one he had with him.

Under cross-examination by the defending officer, witness said that the suit ordered by accused cost about \$30 but accused wanted other articles including kimono and ladies wear which he said he wanted to send home. The only other soldier having credit at his shop was another Sapper of the Royal Engineers, whose credit was guaranteed by an officer.

The hearing is proceeding.

BATISTA CABLES H. K. CONSULATE
Revolt In Cuba Quashed

The Consul for Cuba in Hongkong is in receipt of the following information from the Minister of State, Havana, dated February 6.

"The President of the Republic of Cuba, Colonel Batista, in exercise of his Constitutional powers, assumed last night supreme command of the forces of sea and land."

"He accepted the resignations of the chiefs of the Army and Navy appointing Colonels Lopez Migoya, and Gomez Cases to those offices respectively."

"Apart from the insubordination of the ex-chiefs the armed forces remained loyal to the Government."

"Absolute peace now exists in the whole Republic which has the highest confidence in the President, and in the armed forces. The Council of Ministers were in entire agreement with the firmness of the actions of the President."

WILLKIE'S PLANS
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (UP).—Mr. Wendell Willkie indicated to-day that he is planning a tour of China similar to that of Britain. Asked regarding rumours that he intended to make such a trip, he smilingly replied, "No definite decision has been reached."

Asked if he expects to return to the "private practice of law in the near future," Mr. Willkie did not amplify his former remarks.

Singapore Minefield Bars Sea Attack

By FREDERICK KUH
Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Feb. 16 (UP).—The new mine field off the south-east tip of the Malaya Peninsula effectively bars the main shipping routes to Singapore from Thailand, Indo-China, and Japan according to an unofficial analysis of the announcement made by the Admiralty.

The announcement of the mining of the approaches to Singapore is interpreted as the further strengthening of the great naval and air base there and the easing of the tension which has been mounting for a week due to the persistent reports that Japan is planning a southward thrust coincidental with the Axis spring offensive.

The formidable stronghold of Singapore was recently reinforced by formations of R.A.F. Blenheim bombers of the Australian bomber squadron. The presence in Australia of Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, Commander in Chief of the Far East station, indicates further Imperial co-operation in the defence of Britain's Far Eastern outposts.

Among the elements in the precarious Far Eastern situation which are regarded as being important here are the peace negotiations between Thailand and Indo-China, in which Japan is reported to be seeking air bases in both countries; however, British fears are somewhat allayed by the Anglo-Thailand non-aggression pact and the Thailand communiqué mentioning the "very happy relations" with Britain remaining "unimpaired."

British commentators foresee Anglo-American naval co-operation in the event of a Japanese move against Singapore. In the "Sunday Times" the influential "Scrutator" said: "The broad point is that behind the defence in these areas (Malaya) against Japanese aggression would be the stand of Great Britain and the United States, the two greatest naval powers in the world. Japan may dream that the hands of the British navy are tied and that the American navy will not come. If she does, there will be a rude awakening."

Aid Britain Bill
WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—Administrative leaders hint that President Roosevelt will probably request \$1,000,000,000 in appropriations and contract authority to build planes, ships, tanks, guns and munitions immediately the Aid Britain Bill is approved.

It is predicted that the Senate, which begins to debate the Bill tomorrow, will approve the measure with some amendments within a fortnight. A comfortable majority of votes in favour is expected.

The Final Lap
WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (UP).—The Lend and Lease Bill starts its final lap through Congress on Monday, with the Senate oppositionists aware of the fact that enactment is certain, however, they are determined to do their utmost to curtail some of the vast powers which the measure gives to President Roosevelt. Party leaders forecast Senate approval within ten days.

National Red Cross Society Of China
The budget of expenditure of the National Red Cross Society of China for the current year was fixed at NCS\$600,000 and HK\$300,000 at the second and last session of its 24th annual conference held at its Hongkong Office, Kowloon, last week.

Presided over by Dr. C. T. Wang, President of the Society, the meeting was attended by Mr. Hsu Shih-ying, Acting Chairman of the National Relief Commission; Dr. W. W. Yen, former Chinese Ambassador to Soviet Russia; Mr. Wang Hsiao-lai, Mr. Yeh Kung-cho, Mr. Tu Yuen-sen, Mr. Samuel S. U. Zau, Dr. J. Heng Liu and others. Dr. Robert Kho-seng Lim, Director of the Red Cross Relief Corps, who had made a special trip here by air from Kweliang, was also present and reported on the relief work carried out last year.

The conference decided to train a competent medical personnel for relief work. In the first year, five doctors and 10 nurses will be trained at an estimated expenditure of NCS\$17,000.

The conference re-appointed Mr. Pan Hsiao-no as Secretary-General of the Society.

U.S. Consulates In Italy
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (Dome).—The State Department announced that the closing of the United States Consulate offices at Naples and Palermo was being considered, at the request of the Italian Government.

The announcement said that action has not yet been taken. However, it is probable that the Consulate officials of those two posts would be withdrawn.

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Mother Mary Motta
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The Rev. Mr. H. Valtorta officiating, assisted by Rev. Fathers E. Bruzzone, J. M. Spada, E. Teruzzi, N. Maestri, A. Granelli, C. Orlando, A. Grampa, J. Zilioni, H. de Angelis and J. Guarnoni.

The late Mother Motta was a Canadian Sister of Charity and had been in the Colony for ten years. A teacher at St. Mary's School, she was loved by her pupils whom she educated with the tenderness of a mother and the zeal of an apostle.

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HOPKINS REPORTS

Famous First Words

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—"I don't think Hitler can lick the British" were the first words of Mr. Harry Hopkins when he arrived here to-day by clipper on his return from Europe.

He added: "The English are as tough a crowd as I think there is. With the help of this country, there is no question but that England will win the war and it is not going to be a stalemated war."

Mr. Hopkins declared that the British needed "a lot of help" and said that he felt sure that they would get it.

Mr. Hopkins plans to report to President Roosevelt in Washington to-night.

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BELGIAN RELIEF

Hoover Announce

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Mr. Hoover stressed that the plan must be regarded as an "initial experiment to test whether or not these people can be saved without military advantage to either side."

The proposal includes the specifications that the "German Government agree there will be no acquisition of native food and that both Governments will give relief ships immunity from attack." The programme will be under the supervision and check of some neutral Government.

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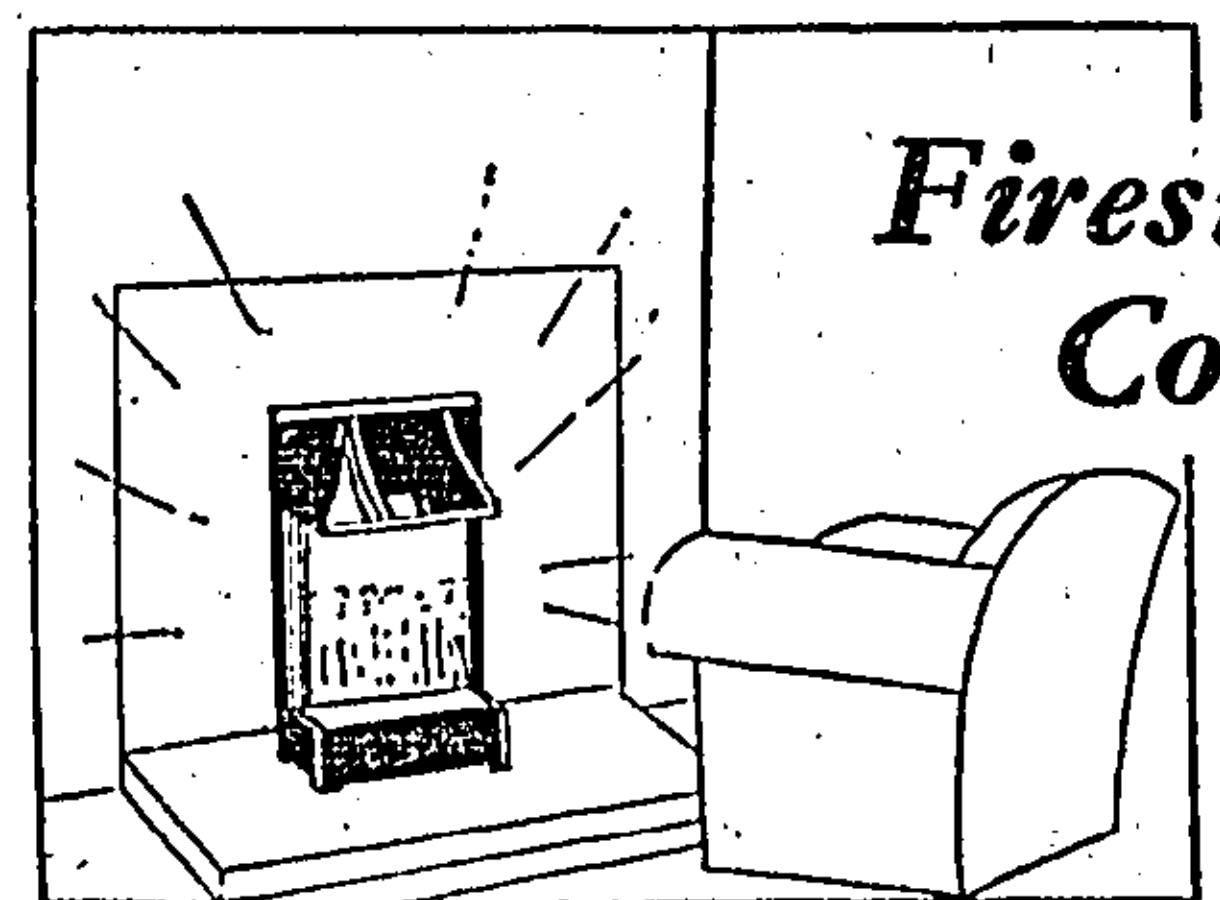
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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

CIVILIANS WIN LAI WAH CUP BADMINTON ENTRIES

HOPELESSLY BEATEN

Army Forwards Fail To Grasp Opportunities: Penalty Missed!

(By "SCRAMBLER")

ENJOYING MORE OF THE play territorially, Army were decisively beaten five goals to two by the Civilians when they met in the final of the Lai Wah Cup yesterday on Club ground. The highlights of the game were the fine performances of both keepers, Bankier and Lapsley, who brought off many fine and daring saves. At the conclusion of the game, the trophy and souvenirs were presented to the winning team by H.E. Major General A. E. Grasett, the G.O.C.

Army had only themselves to blame for the result, for their forwards were unable to obtain the goals although they were presented with innumerable opportunities. Fox their leader was the chief offender and when put through on more than half a dozen occasions, he managed only to notch one goal. In the defence, they were as good if not better than their opponents, and had it not been for the sterling work put in by their intermediate trio, they would not have been able to register those two goals.

The Civilians availed themselves of the chances presented, and scored on every breakaway, and at least two of their goals were well planned efforts. They were penned in their own half for the greater part of the game, and only the heroic work put in by Blackburn and Ulrich, aided and abetted by their middle trio paved the way to their triumph.

Both teams indulged in good clean football, but the Army were able to keep to their feet better than the Civilians, who on account of the slippery ground and heavy ball were unable to settle down to constructive football for some time. Lapsley in goal put in an excellent afternoon's work, and saved on numerous occasions by his keen anticipation. Blackburn and Ulrich between them, robbed the Army of many scoring chances, and by their off side traps nullified many dangerous Army raids.

Sound Halves

All three halves were seen to good advantage by their coverings, but Maxwell was inclined to give the Army right winger too much room to roam about, with the result that Ulrich had to cover him all the time. Pope was a hard worker, and so was Gough, and between the two of them, they had Weir and Duffield cornered for the greater part of the game.

In attack, both partnerships were sound, chief danger came from the right, where B. Gosano and Fowler went through on many occasions. Fowler scored two good goals, the result of excellent understanding with Gosano. Howlett made a very effective leader, and scored three goals by his positional play. Ferrier and Rierson were seen in many intricate movements, and the winger was always dangerous when once on the move. The whole of the forward line favoured the short passing game.

In contrast to their opponents' mode of play, the Army forwards moved the ball about to the wingers where both Owens and Duffield centred across well, and many of their efforts were not turned to good account by the in-

side trio due to their not following up. The inside trio also spoiled many chances by their over eagerness by falling into the offside traps.

Bad Shooting

The Army forwards must have left their shooting boots in their barracks for none of them were able to take an effective pot shot at goal, and what shots went were ably deflected by Lapsley. Fox was inclined to wander all by himself, although many of his efforts were very close ones. Hossack was a hard worker and like his leader he had had luck with some of his shots, while Weir was tricky and partnered well with Duffield.

The chief asset was in their middle trio, where Birrell, Bright and Freshwater always had the better of the arguments with the Civilians' attack. The pivot had Howlett subdued to a great extent, and found ample time to help his forwards in the attack. Both Naysmith and Fraser were sound, cleared and tackled well. Starting off very promisingly, the Army were able to adapt themselves to the playing conditions and had the Civilians penned in their own half during the first ten minutes of the game when Lapsley did extremely well to save at point blank range from Fox, and later from Hossack. Fox was given three chances in the space of five minutes and his efforts were either frustrated by Lapsley or by shot behind. One piece of bad luck was when his shot had the keeper beaten only to strike the cross bar and go out of play.

First Goal

Much against the run of the play, the Civilians took the lead when from a throw in close to the Army goal, Rierson obtained possession to lob the ball past Naysmith to enable Howlett to head from close in. Keeping the ball in their opponents' half, Army were awarded a penalty when Ulrich handled, but the resultant "not kick" taken by Hossack was ballooned over the bar, thus losing a great chance to equalise.

Both keepers were seen to good advantage, and the Civilians were able by now to settle down. Following upon a concerted attack on the

Golf

A. W. Ramsey Wins Captain's Cup

A. W. RAMSEY, President of the Country Golf Club, Sheungshui, won the Captain's Cup competition of that Club yesterday when he beat R. E. Lee 3 and 2 in the 18-holes final.

Championship Ties

Several matches in the Club Championship were played off. These resulted as follows: First Round.—A. W. Ramsey beat A. T. Lee 2 and 1. Second Round.—R. E. Lee beat K. T. Oei 3 and 1; C. H. Sun beat E. J. M. Churn 6 and 5; A. A. Lopes beat M. F. Pinna 6 and 5.

Softball

Canuckettes Humble Panthers 16-14

RAIN made good softball almost an impossibility on the Kowloon Football Club pitch yesterday. The leading women's team emerged victorious from their battles, though the Canuckettes were given a fright by the Panthers when the latter took an eight runs' lead over the first two innings. The Canuckettes, however, emerged ultimately victorious by 16-12.

Home runs were tallied by Marie and Ullian Khoo. Chung Hwa were trounced 37-5 by the Wildcats, while Las Florinas saved a complete white-washing by one run when they met the Cardinals. Scores were:

MEN			
Recreo "A"	12	13	3
Filipino	12	13	3
WOMEN			
Cardinals	12	13	3
Little Flower Club	1	0	11
Wildcats	37	20	3
Chung Wah	5	3	15
Canadian Chinese	10	14	10
Panthers	12	3	10

right, Howlett was put through by Pope, and the latter had only to evade the advancing Fraser to tap the ball into the left hand corner of the net.

This lead was short-lived, and the Army kept up pressure, but weak efforts were responsible for their failure to obtain goals. However, when Bankier saved from Fowler, the ball was relayed to Bright who had only to send a through pass to Fox to allow the latter to go through on his own as the Civilians' defence was way up the field. The advancing Lapsley was unable to stop a weak shot from slowly trailing into an empty net.

Army On Top

In the second half although they were definitely on top, Army were unable to obtain the necessary goals, and Hossack who changed places with Fox tested Lapsley on several occasions. Bankier saved at the other end from Ferrier and Gosano was sent through by Gough. The latter passed to Fowler who was unmarked and beat Bankier with a fine diagonal shot. Closely following upon this goal, Howlett scored his third goal as a result of an excellent short passing bout in the forward line.

Although they were kept in their own half for the greater part, the Civilians' defence were able to hold out, and many of the raids were repulsed as a result of excellent strategy. However Weir reduced the arrears following upon an attack on the left. This goal gave the Army attack renewed vigour and they kept up an incessant attack.

From a breakaway Gosano again put Fowler through for the latter to score with another cross shot. Lapsley did well to save from Fox and Hossack, and Bankier cleared when Fowler ran through. The Army keeper did well in goal, and the goals that were scored against him were all excellent shots.

ARMY: Bankier; Naysmith, Fraser; Birrell, Bright, Freshwater; Owens, Hossack, Fox, Weir, Duffield. CIVILIANS: Lapsley; Blackburn, Ulrich, Pope, Gough, Maxwell; Fowler, B. Gosano, Howlett, Ferrier, Rierson.



One of the goals that gave Bankier (Army keeper) no chance. The state of the ground can be gauged by the quantity of mud in which Bankier is lying.—Ming Yuen.

Rugby

Seven-a-side Tourney to-day

Postponed From Saturday

THE BLARNEY STONE Rugby Seven-a-Side Tournament, the first round matches of which were scheduled to be held on the Navy ground on Saturday, was postponed until to-day, the Causeway Bay ground being waterlogged and unfit for play. This year's tournament is being held in aid of the South China Morning Post Bomber Fund.

Three teams, the Army Service Corps, 8th Heavy Regiment, "C" and 57th Rajputs, have withdrawn from the series, and as a result only seven matches will be held this afternoon, commencing at 3.30 p.m. Postponement of the first day of the Annual Race Meeting, and the subsequent re-adjustment of their programme, has left the organisers of the Seven-a-Side Tournament in something of a quandary as the finals of the series will be held on March 1, the date on which the final day's racing of the Annual Meeting will be held. It is possible that the Rugby Tournament dates may be altered.

Matches

To-day's games are as follows: 3.30 p.m.—12th Heavy "B" v. Civil Service. Referee: S. R. Bickell. 4.15 p.m.—Royal Engineers v. 5th A.A. Referee: Lt. P. J. Wilson. 4.30 p.m.—Police v. R. Scots. Referee: J. Reiman. 4.45 p.m.—Police v. Tamar & Small Ships "B". Referee: E. Mathews. 5.10 p.m.—12th Heavy "A" v. Jardine's. Referee: Lt. P. J. Wilson. 5.30 p.m.—Club "A" v. R. Scots "B". Referee: Lt. P. J. Wilson.

The following are to-day's teams: Middlesex "A"—L/Cpl. Muggersidge; Lieut. Weedon and Capt. Mann; Pte. J. Jones; Lieut. E. J. Bickell; S. R. Bickell (capt.). Reserve—L/Cpl. Wilson. Royal Engineers—Sgt. Jones (T); Cpl. Pickett; Cpl. Bickell; Cpl. Foley (capt.); Spr. Martin (L); L/Sgt. Davis and L/Sgt. Sheldrake. Reserve—L/Sgt. Brinkley, Cpl. Apperley and Spr. Rees. 5th A.A. Regt "A"—Pte. Farmby; Cpl. Gibbin and Cpl. Baker; Cpl. Dobbin; Cpl. Evans; 2/Lieut. Wedderburn and Sgt. Page (capt.). Reserve—L/Sgt. New and Cpl. Down. 12th Heavy Regt "B"—Cpl. McCarthy; Cpl. Howarth and Cpl. Gough; Cpl. New and 2/Lieut. Delferfield (capt.). Reserve—L/Sgt. Giddens. Reserve—Gn. Jones and Cpl. Dean. Combined Small Units "A"—Pte. Macdonald; Lieut. Combes (capt.) and Sgt. Hamilton; L/Cpl. Mearns; Cpl. Mearns; Cpl. Chandler and Sgt. Bedford; Reserve—Pte. Mohan. Civil Service—A. J. G. Taylor (capt.); L. E. Lammert and T. O. Morgan; J. Redman; B. Hynes; F. Burford and E. W. R. Lee; Reserve—L/Sgt. 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By Ernie Bushmiller

MINISTRY TRICKS TRADERS

MINISTRY of Food "agent provocateurs"—officials sent out with false ration cards to lure traders into breaking the law—were recently the subject of a sharp protest in the Commons.

A recent court was at Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, revealed that, under the authority of the Food Ministry, persons are sent out with instructions which are aimed at tricking shopkeepers into breaches of the rationing regulations.

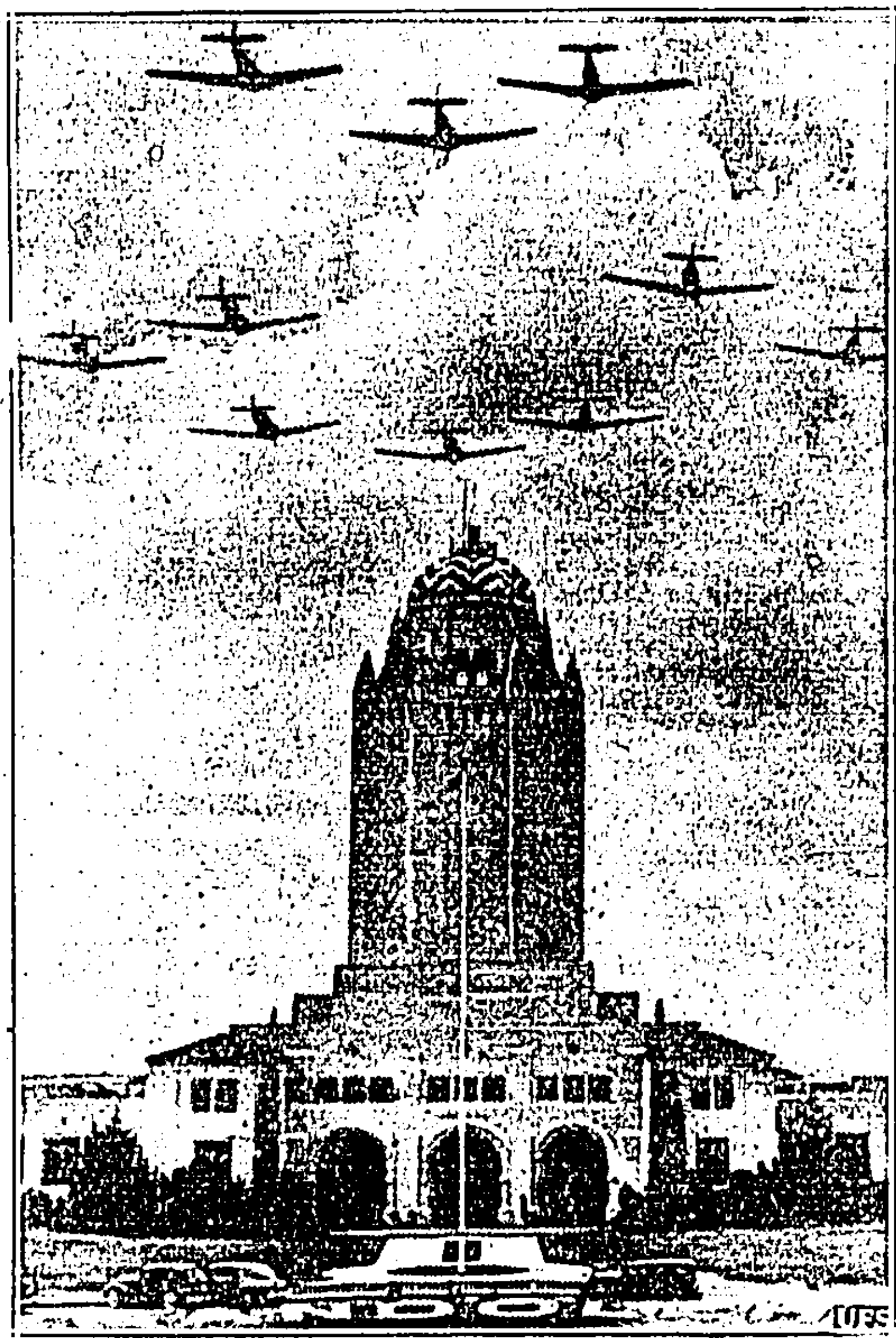
Mr R. C. Morrison, M.P., raised the matter in Parliament.

He called attention to the Wisbech case and demanded that the Minister of Food abandon this objectionable practice.

Young Woman Decey

In the case cited, a young woman, acting on instructions contained in an unsigned Ministry circular, visited several shops in Wisbech. She presented the traders with a ration card which bore a fictitious name and address.

In one case, it is alleged, she waited outside the shop until the manager had gone, leaving in charge an inexperienced assistant aged 18. The magistrates who tried one of the cases which followed this young woman's activities imposed only a small fine and expressed their disapproval of the course taken.



HOMEWARD FLIGHT—Flight of training planes, homeward bound, roars over tower of administration building at Randolph Field, Texas. Field is called "West Point of the Air." About 350 planes go aloft each day.

DOWNING STREET INCIDENT

Man's Story of Valuable Secret

LEWIS CHARLES LEWIS, D.Sc., who said he was technical adviser at the Monmouth County Hall, Newport, was at Bow Street Police Court, London, recently remanded for a medical report on a charge of being drunk and disorderly in Downing Street.

Police-Constable Bartlett said that Lewis approached 10 Downing Street and demanded to see the Prime Minister. He said: "I have got £5,000,000 to give him and a secret process for running aeroplanes and cars without petrol."

He became argumentative and had to be restrained. No money was found on him. His speech was slurred and he smelt of whisky.

Lewis told the Magistrate that an M.P. had made the appointment for him to see the Prime Minister. He was met at Paddington by his own chauffeur and driven to Downing Street.

Petrol-less Planes

It was no exaggeration to say that he was giving the Prime Minister £5,000,000. He had, he stated, solved the problem of running aeroplanes and cars without petrol. The secret was worth £50,000,000, but he did not want a penny for it. He had refused an offer of £2,000,000 from a business firm. He was known to Hannen Swaffer, Montague Norman, Grenfell, and others.

Lewis said that he had never been drunk in his life. A sergeant subsequently told the Court that Lewis told him that he wanted Hannen Swaffer, Emmanuel Shinwell, M.P., and George Hall, M.P. Witness telephoned to the members of Parliament but was unsuccessful.

"I am going to sue these people for locking me up," he added.

The case was put back for a short time on Lewis saying that he made a request for certain persons to be called in vain. A sergeant subsequently told the Court that Lewis told him that he wanted Hannen Swaffer, Emmanuel Shinwell, M.P., and George Hall, M.P. Witness telephoned to the members of Parliament but was unsuccessful.

NEW CITY EVERY SIX MONTHS

MR WALTER ELLIOT, former Minister of Health, broadcasting recently, spoke of what Britain had done for her people. "When we distrust ourselves," he said, "look back on some of the things that actually did happen."

"In the 20 years of peace that Britain helped to win for the world with the victory of 1918 we more than halved the death-rate from consumption in this country. We halved the maternal mortality, halved the death-rate for small babies."

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Allotments In Hyde Park

THE British public is to be allowed to dig its own allotment in the exhibition ground of Hyde Park.

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Youth Digs For Victory
Children have formed their own Allotments Associations at Southport

FASCISTS IN MANX CAMP

—M. P.'s Question

An aggressive Fascist minority, self-appointed to all posts of responsibility, dominates Italian internees at the Palace camp, Isle of Man, holds parades and uses Italian bugle calls, according to Mr G. Russell Strauss, M.P.

He asked Mr Herbert Morrison, Minister of Home Security, in the House of Commons recently about one of the men in the camp, Signor Cosomati whose anti-Mussolini cartoons have been republished in the England press.

Because of one such cartoon, Cosomati was beaten up by two Fascists. He could not identify his attackers, but two internees who instigated the assault were sentenced to 21 days in the cells.

Held Automatically

Signor Cosomati, married to an Englishwoman, a painter and writer, and a fervent anti-Fascist, was interned automatically as he had not been resident for the requisite 20 years.

Before being interned he drew a political cartoon, which was accepted by a Sunday paper. This was published after his internment.

On the evening of November 1 two men came to him in the camp corridor and set on him. "The whole regime of the camp is open to criticism," went on Mr Strauss. "I have a report on it from a reliable internee recently released. I am sending this report to the Minister of Home Security."

3,000 In Camp

"There are about 3,000 internees in the camp. The bulk are small shopkeepers and waiters of no political belief save a resentment against Britain for internment. There are a few vigorous anti-Fascists—but there is a far stronger Fascist group, which virtually runs the camp."

"The camp is nominally under British control, but in practice, it is largely self-governing; and the Fascist element is in control."

"Parades are held; two roll-calls are held daily; and to these and to meals internees are summoned by bugle. The buglers are paid out of the funds of the canteen of a British internment camp," said Mr Strauss, "and they use the military bugle calls current in the Italian army."

Use Italian War Cry

"The parades conclude with the (Fascist) camp leader shouting the Italian war-cry: 'A Noi' (Rally to us), literally, 'To us', which is echoed by the bulk of the internees. The anti-Fascists, who remain silent, are threatened."

"Anti-Fascists should not be interned at all; we are pressing now for the immediate creation of separate camps for Fascists and anti-Fascists, who may soon be released."

Mr Morrison stated in the House that the segregation of Fascists had had to await the provision of accommodation, which would soon be available.

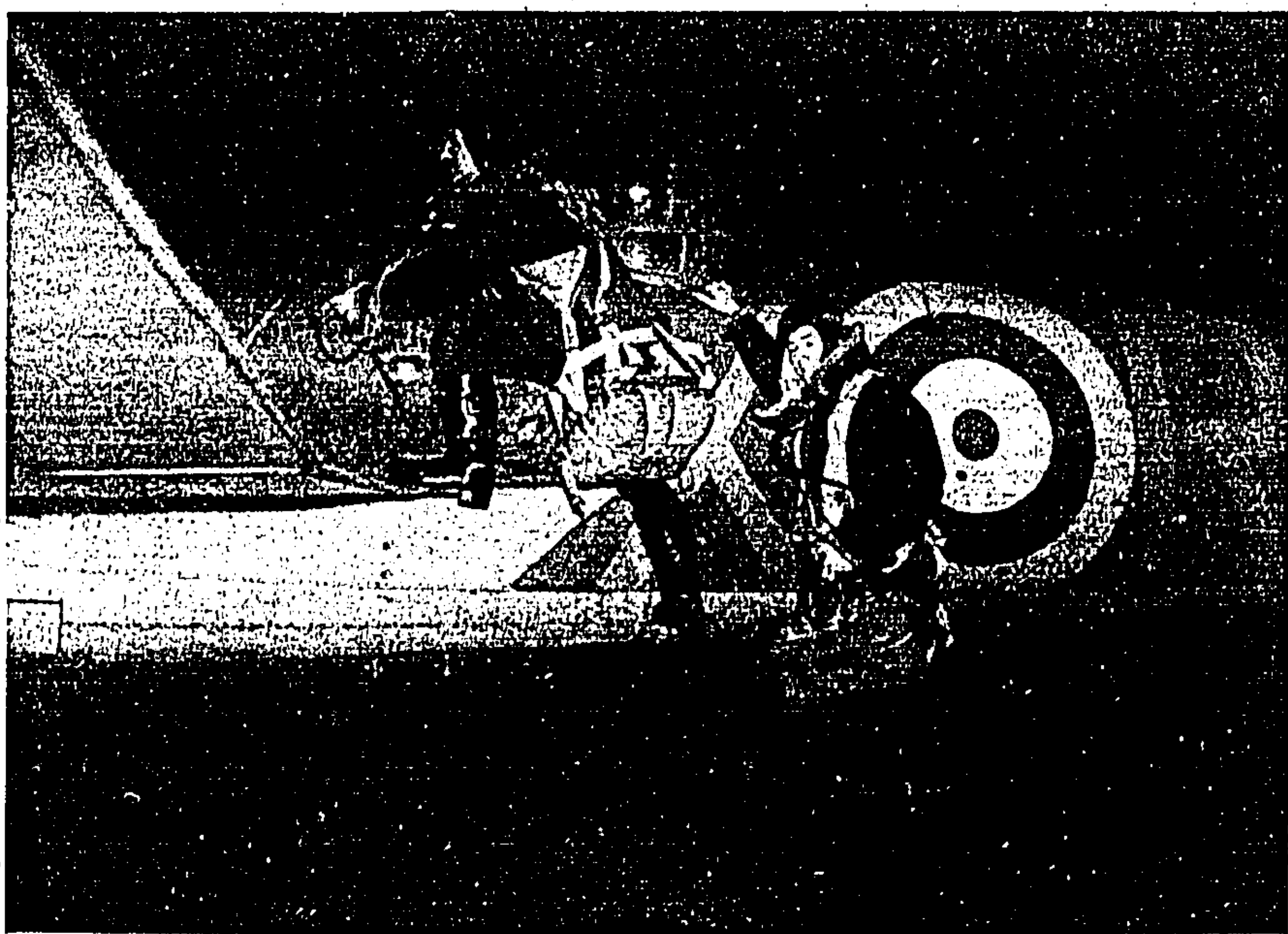
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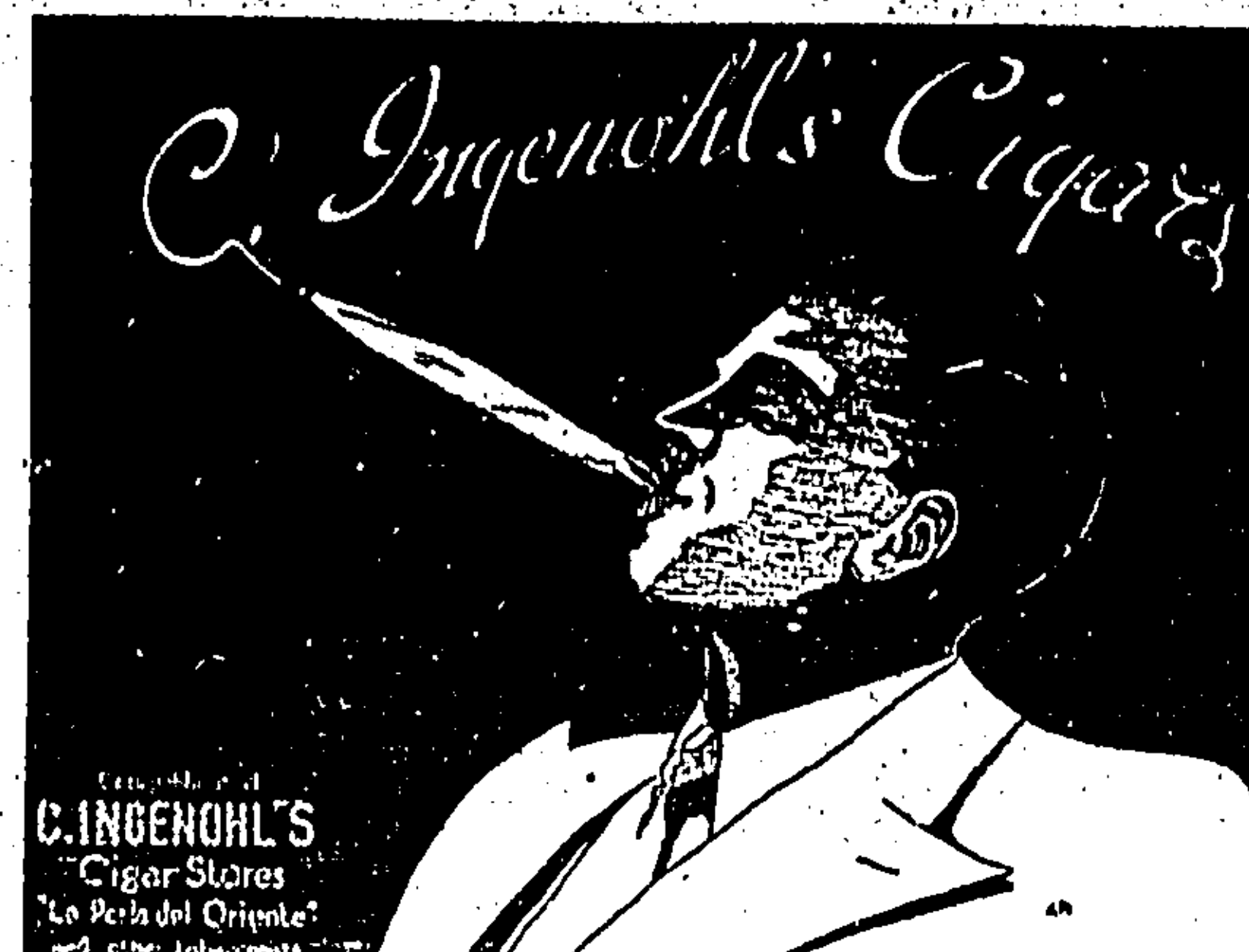
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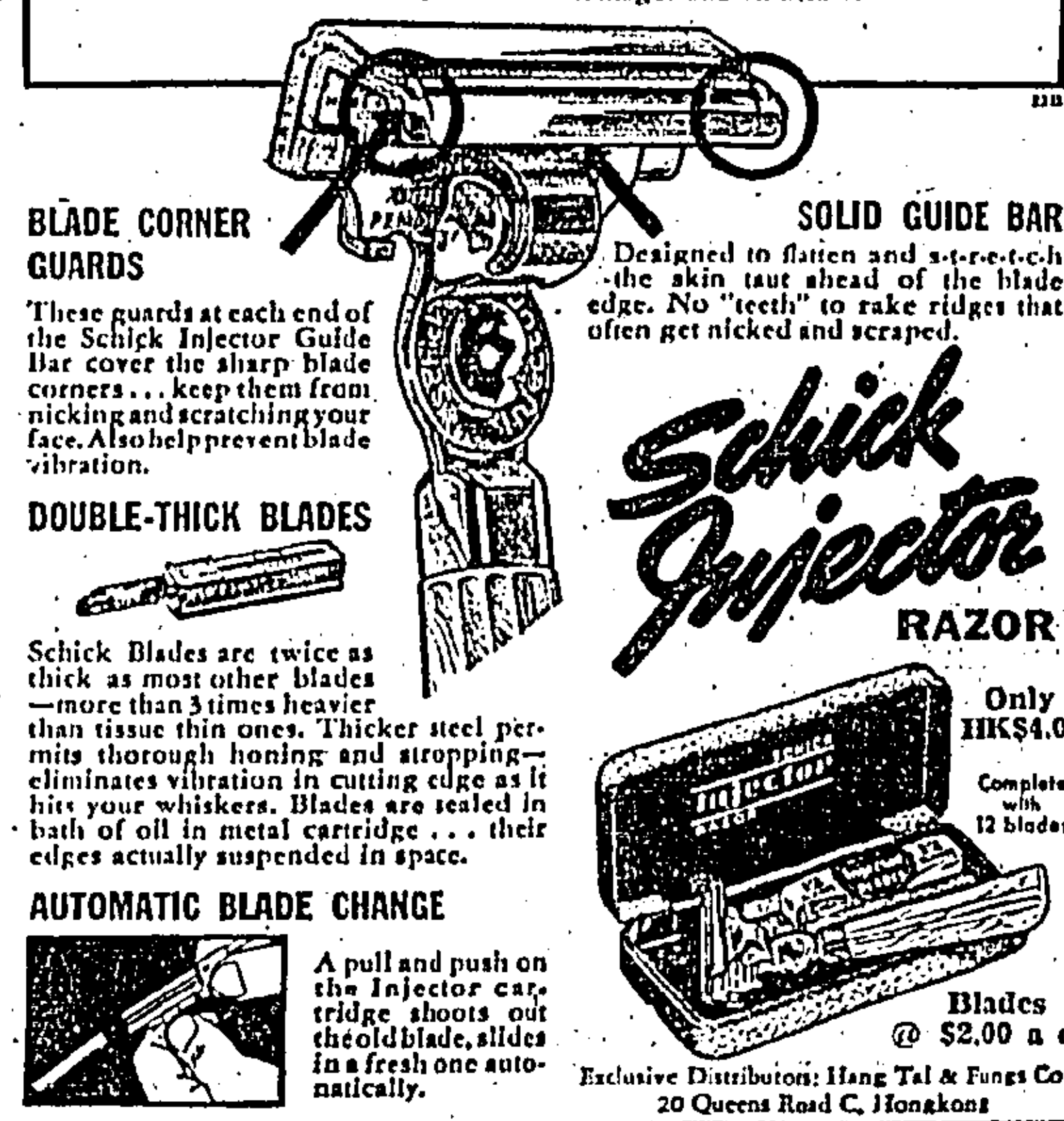


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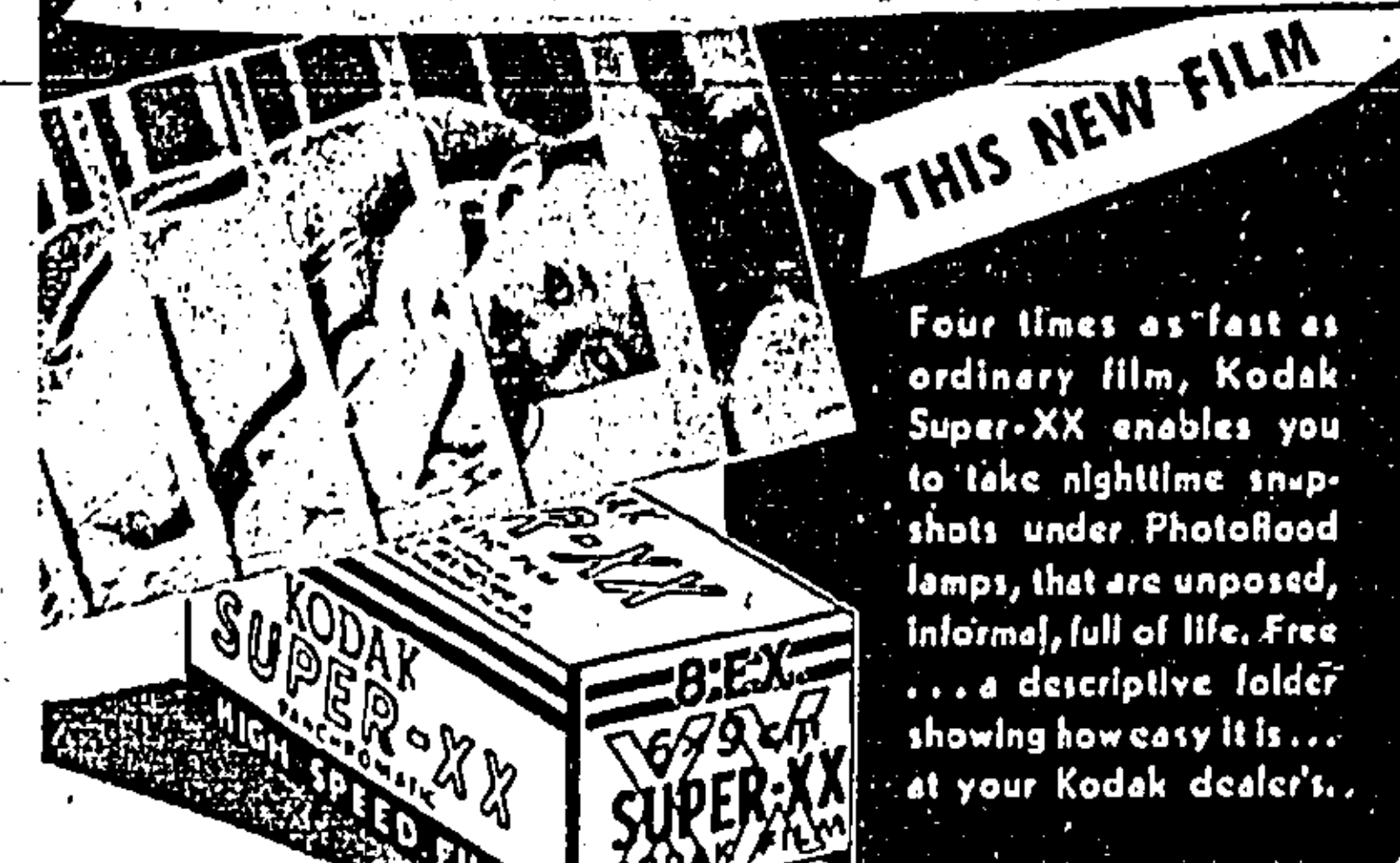
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R.A.F. Continues Its "Blitz" On Rhodes

FROM PAGE ONE

South African Air Force. The accuracy of the bombing and machine-gunning was confirmed by a subsequent inspection.

In Abyssinia yesterday, a large motor transport park at Desale was successfully attacked from the air while in British the R.A.F. continued to attack enemy troop concentrations, motor transport and other military objectives.

Hangars and workshops at Mal Adaga were bombed and a number of fires and explosions were caused. Two aircraft are missing from yesterday's operations over Rhodes, Albania and Italian East Africa.

New Magistrates Take Seats

Macnamara & Anderson

Mr Henry Charles Macnamara and Mr Donald James Neville Anderson, well-known barristers in Hongkong, commenced duties as Magistrates at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, the former appearing in the First Court and the latter in the Second Court.

Mr Anderson took over from Mr E. Himsforth who, it is understood, has been transferred to another Government post. The position now held by Mr Macnamara was formerly occupied by Mr Q. A. Macfadyen who is at present in the Queen Mary Hospital recovering from an attack of influenza.

Mr Macnamara first arrived in Hongkong in June 1920 and was called to the Bar in 1932. Mr Anderson was educated at the Diocesan Boys' School and graduated from the Hongkong University and was admitted to practice in 1938.

Rice For Shanghai Eases Prices

Police To Guard Market

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" SHANGHAI, Feb. 17 (UP).—Chinese trading circles predict that in view of the heavy rice arrivals from the south, the price this week will return to below the officially fixed limits despite the nervous sentiment in the local rice market over the week-end. Approximately 100,000 bags of Saigon rice arrived last week and more is due to arrive this week.

From to-day the local rice market will be guarded by police constables in order to assist the market authorities to prohibit speculation and profiteering. Also effective to-day will be the new ruling by the Municipal Council that bills of sale and other trading records will be subject to the inspection of Municipal Council representatives.

PRO-NANKING MAN SHOT S'hai Terrorism

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" SHANGHAI, Feb. 17 (UP).—A would-be assassin seriously wounded Mr Tuan Bien-shun, a pro-Nanking official of the "Morally Right Association" outside a French Concession tea shop at 9.40 p.m. yesterday.

One shot entered Tuan's head and is expected to be fatal. The gunman opened fire in the view of many customers and pedestrians on the street. He escaped by mingling with the crowd which gathered immediately. A police riot squad turned out and cordoned off the area but there were no arrests.

Meanwhile the police are investigating the disappearance of a local taxi which was commandeered by six Chinese at 1.30 p.m. on what the local press called a "mystery mission."

Attempted Bribe Fails

Tried To Help Friend

At Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, Mr M. A. da Silva pleaded guilty on behalf of Lau Hon, a 26-year-old office boy, to a charge of offering a bribe to Yuet Chin, PCC666, with a view to influence his conduct as a public servant.

Lau appeared before Mr D. J. N. Anderson.

Mr da Silva said that the defendant had been employed for some time by the Engineering Construction Company and on February 12 he met a folk of his in the custody of a constable for allegedly stealing some firewood. Out of misguided friendship and thinking that it was only a small matter, the defendant took out \$1 and offered it to the constable and was himself arrested.

Risk of Losing Job

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Det.-Sergeant Bethell said that he believed that the man who was in the custody of the constable had actually asked the defendant to give the \$1. Although the defendant was on bail of \$50, a small fine or a bond would meet the case.

Defendant was bound over in \$10 for 12 months and Mr. Anderson ordered that the \$1 concerned be placed in the Poor Box.

"EXPECT PEACE DRIVE"—Hitler's Next

"Germany—robbed of her hoped-for short war, cheated of easy victory in the Mediterranean, let down by her junior partner, Italy, in Greece and Africa, and feeling the pinch inside her own lands as our blockade continues its inexorable pressure—may well put out peace feelers."

"They can be made only through the Vatican or the White House," states Lord Queenborough in a message to the Royal Society of St George.

"If and when such feelers are put out, the power of the White House will be enormous," he says.

"It is well for democracy—not merely for Britain—that in the White House there still sits a man, able from experience to weigh the sincerity and the significance of Nazism, and yet able equally to assess the capacity of the world for further war."

Social Changes

"President Roosevelt will obviously not tolerate, in any peace terms in which he has a voice, abuses in other countries that he has set himself to eradicate in his own."

"We in England should clear our minds of out-worn phrases, cease to talk of 'swings to the left' or 'swings to the right,' and begin to envisage without nervousness sweeping changes of social and economic relationships which the war will make inevitable."

"If these changes are based on a proper comprehension of social justice, and are in the line of our old constitutional traditions, they will be but the natural evolution of a nation."

Beginning Of End

"Held in Africa, rolled back from Greece, defeated decisively in the Mediterranean, Mussolini is proving as helpless an ally to Germany as his nation was to Britain in 1917," Lord Queenborough continued.

"The defeat of the Axis combination on its Italian flank may well be the beginning of the end, though the end may yet be far from us."

"It may be late Spring before Britain begins to show air superiority, and before that time there will be much to endure."

"All that remains now is to endure a little longer until the day when the British forces, re-equipped, fully trained, and filled with an unconquerable determination to avenge the wrongs of Europe, shall carry the war again into the enemy countries."

Singapore Has Black-out

Road Users' Dilemma

SINGAPORE recently had the most complete black-out yet experienced since air raid exercises began in Malaya.

"It was obvious from a tour of the city before the air raid alarms that head was being taken of the necessity for as little light as possible being directed on to open spaces or reflected into the air," writes the "Straits Times."

"On the other hand, it was also obvious that as far as road users were concerned, motorists—and wardens themselves—were still uncertain as to the type of light vehicles are allowed to display."

R.A.F. observers flew over Singapore most of the night.

Several Accidents

Several accidents took place after dark including one in which an air raid warden was the victim.

The warden was taken to hospital with a compound fracture of the right leg, head injuries, and suspected fractured ribs. It is reported that he was crushed between an omnibus and a motor-car which were involved in a collision.

Cricket Match Off

It is announced that owing to the ground being unfit, the cricket match between the Hongkong Cricket Club and the Volunteers to-day, has been cancelled.

LATE NEWS

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Britons Stay Despite Evacuation Notices

YOKOHAMA, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—Despite the evacuation advice, local Britons and Americans, numbering over 1,000, show no signs of leaving Japan, states the daily, "Hochi."

It is understood that Britons and Americans who have already returned home since September totalled only 140.

Foreign companies are said to be carrying on as usual.

Shanghai Notice

SHANGHAI, Feb. 17 (Reuter).—The British Embassy has issued notices to-day renewing the advice of last October to Britons to evacuate occupied China.

The following is the text of the press release issued by the Embassy: "It will be recalled that in October last, the British authorities advised enquirers that any British subjects who had no good reason for remaining should consider the advisability of leaving occupied China. This advice still holds good."

"The decision whether to leave or remain and any consequent arrangements, must be made individually according to personal circumstances. In coming to a decision, however, it must be realised that it will almost certainly be impossible to provide special facilities for departure at short notice. It should also be borne in mind that Far Eastern shipping services are already seriously curtailed, that accommodation in penan-

Hurricane Derails Electric Train

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" MADRID, Feb. 16 (UP).—It is estimated that 150 persons were killed or injured when a wind of hurricane proportions derailed an electric train between Bilbao and San Sebastian.

Sixteen bodies have been recovered and 120 sent to hospital. The accident climaxed two days of gales over a wide area of Spain.

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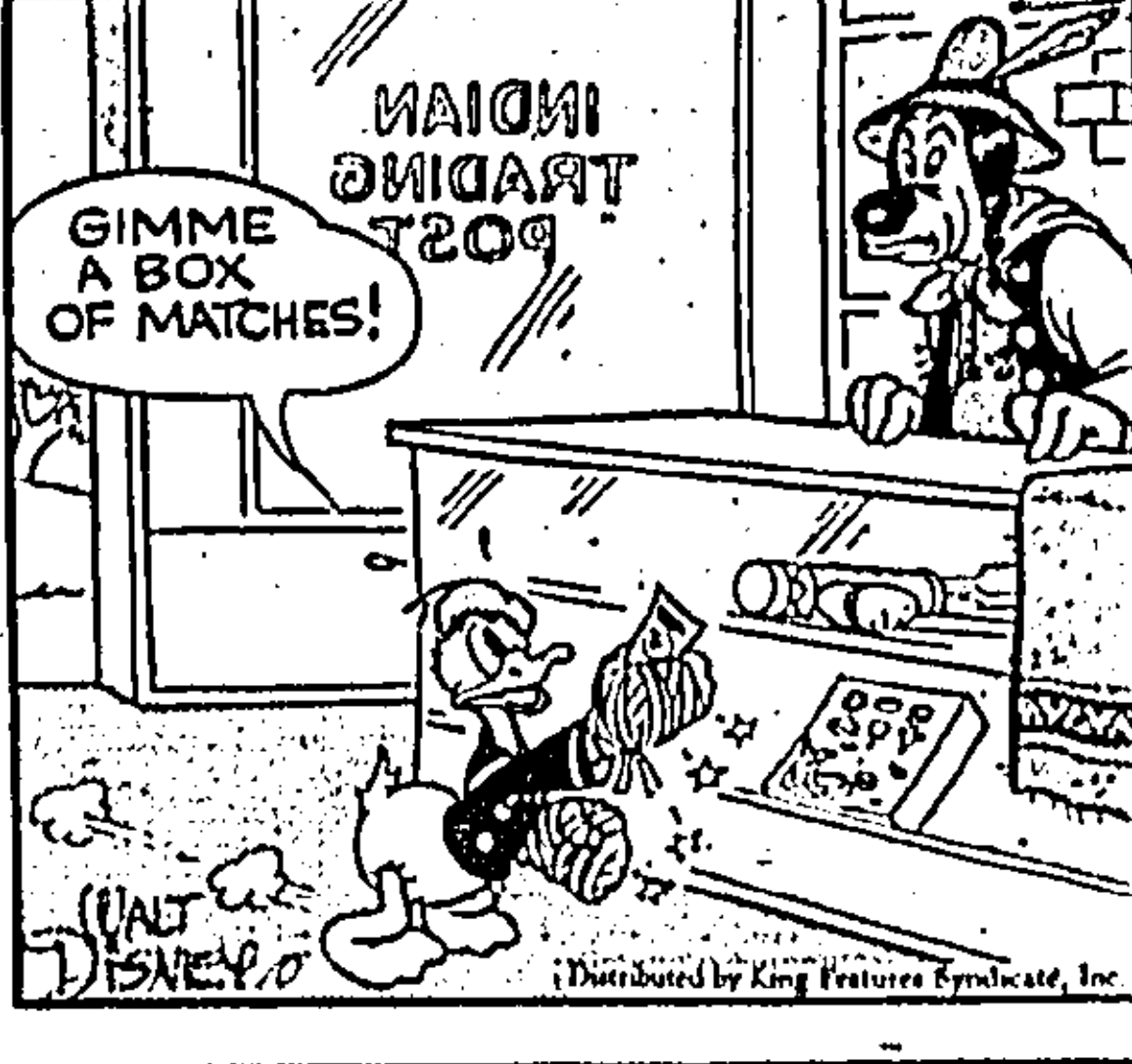
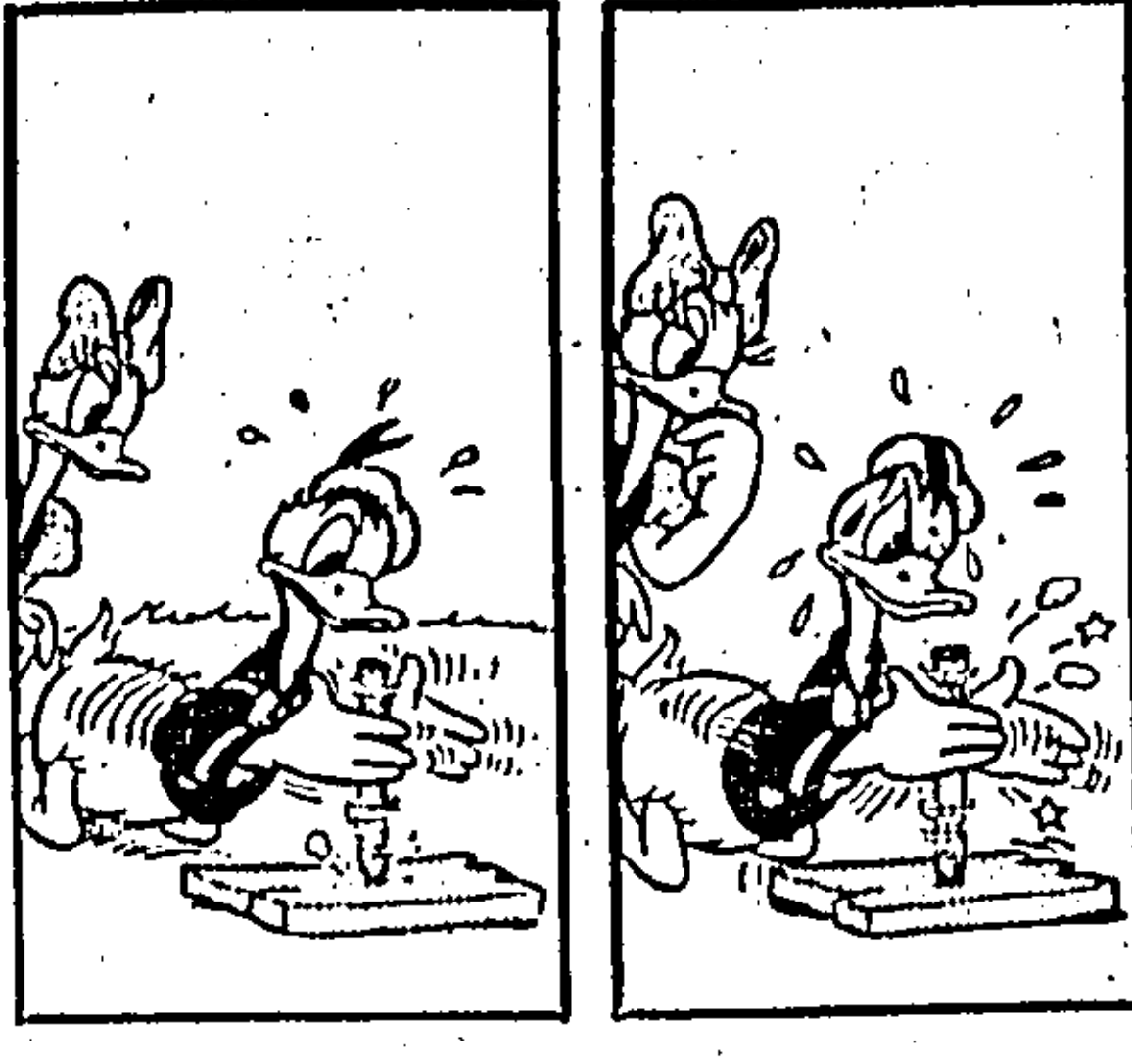
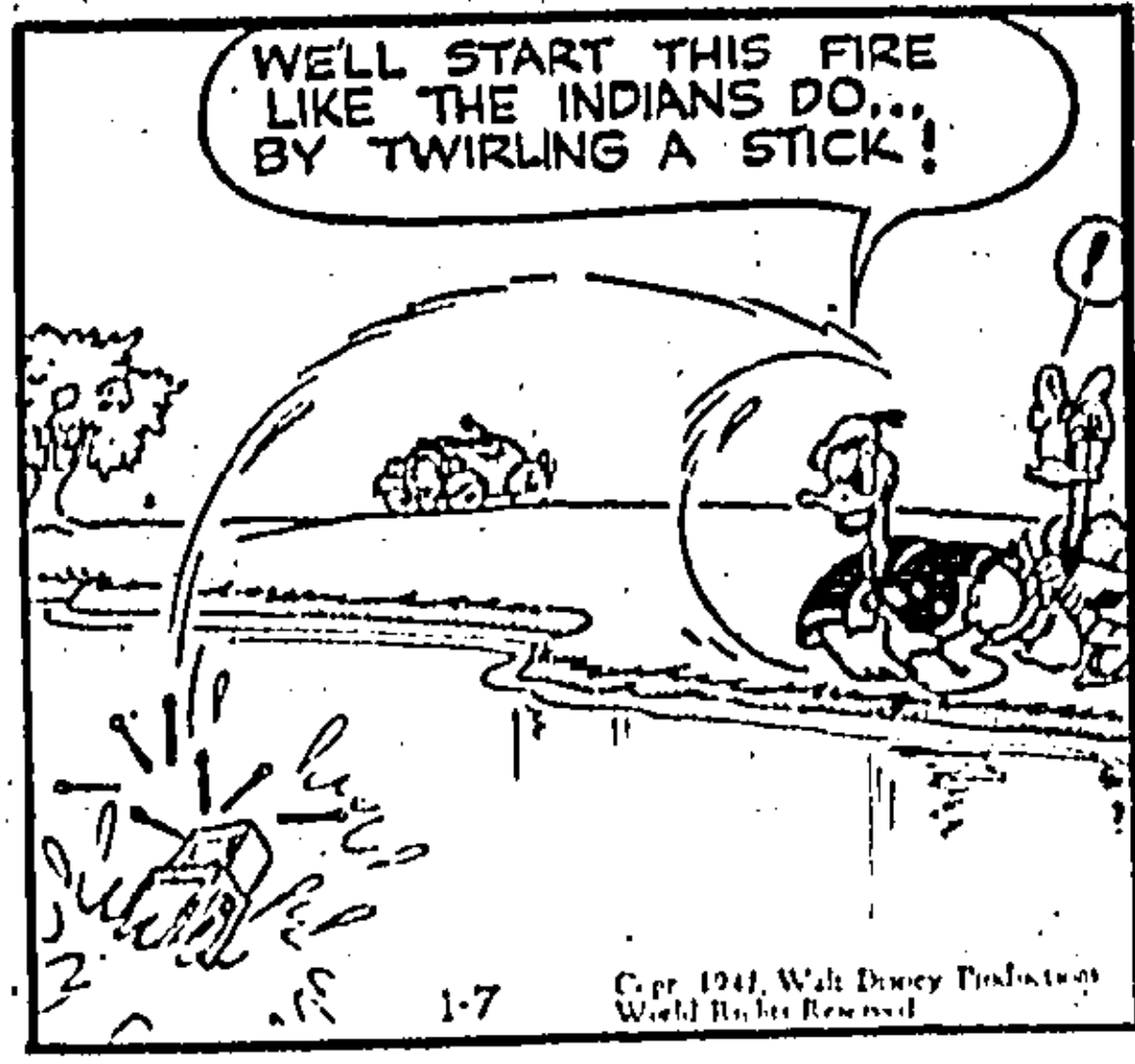
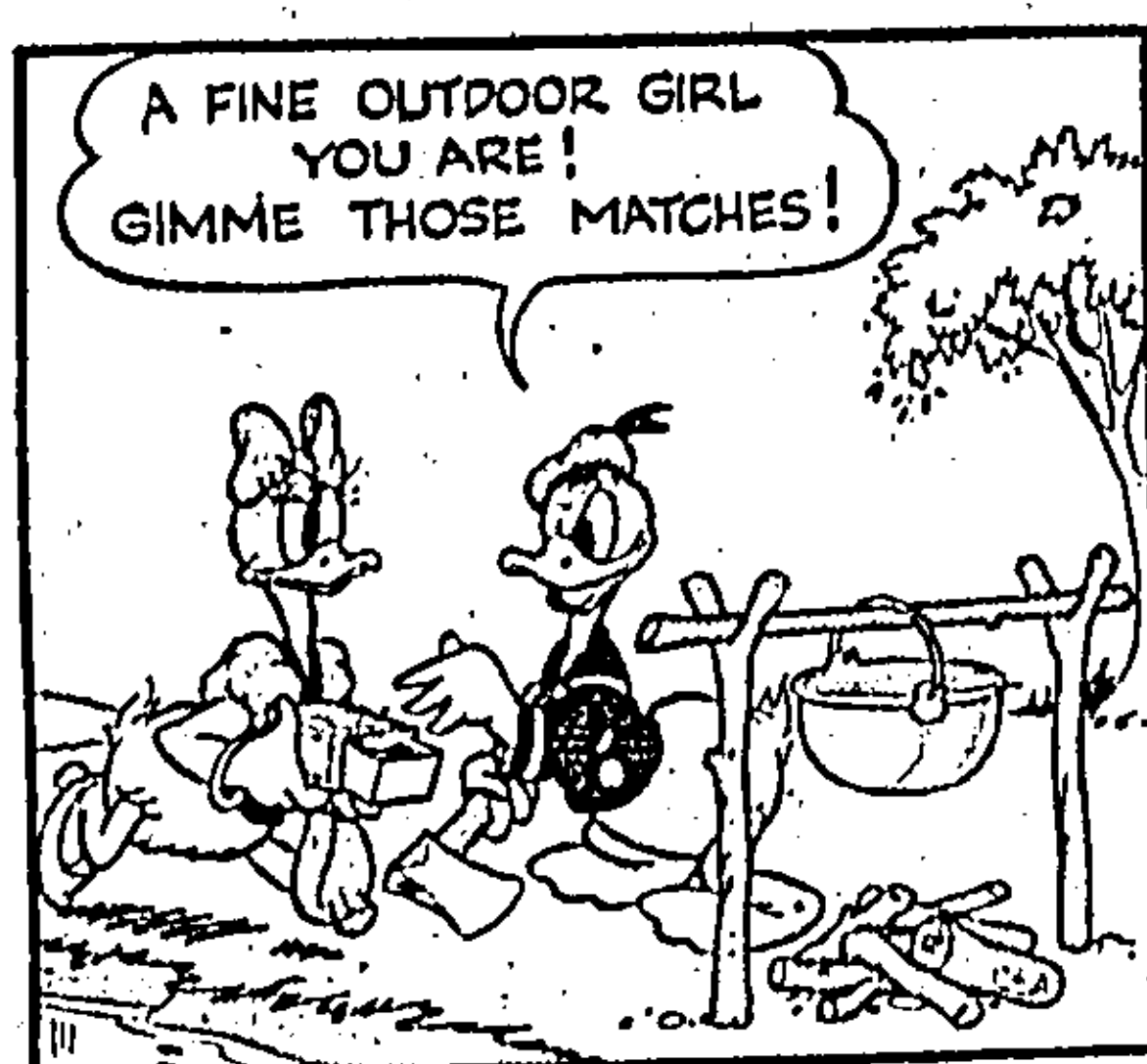
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1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Some Welsh Songs.

1.15 Hand of His Majesty's Coldstream Guards.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Variety.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Selections from Gilbert and Sullivan's "Huddellere".

7.0 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 Studio—Talk on Ballet Illustrated by gramophone records.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 This week's programmes.

8.07 Negro Spirituals.

Lay Down Late (arr. Gellert); Paul Robeson (Bass) with Piano.

Go! To! To! Up! In De Chit (arr. Gellert); Every Time I Feel De Spirit (arr. Brown); Paul Robeson and Lawrence Brown with Piano. Work All De Summer; Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel; Paul Robeson (Bass) with Piano.

8.15 London Relay—"Hi, Gang!"

9.0 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 Mousekewitz—Pictures at an Exhibition Suite.

Promenade—Gnomes—The Old Castle—Tulleries—Bydlo Ballet of the Unhatched Chickens—Samuel Goldenberg and Schmuyle—The Market Place in Limoges—Catacombs—The Hut on Fowls Legs—The Great Gate at Kiev; Boston Symphony Orchestra conducted by Koussevitzky.

10.0 Songs by Theodore Chappaline (Bass).

Black Eyes; The Prisoner (Rubinstein).

10.10 Elleen Joyce at the Piano.

Caprice Espagnol (Mozart); Novelties (new) in D Major (Schumann); Devotion (Liedesied) (Schumann-arr. Liszt); Viennese Dance No. 2 (Gartner).

10.25 A Programme of English Music.

Saxo-Rhapsody (Eric Contes); Sigurd Rascher (Saxophone) with Symphony Orchestra cond. by Eric Contes; Suite of the Sea (Coleridge-Taylor); Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra. I Pitch My Lonely Caravan; Bird Songs at Eventide I heard you Singing (from "Two Symphonies Rhapsodies"—Eric Contes); New Light Symphony Orch. Come Away, Death (Quilter); Derek Oldham (Tenor) with Viola; Cells and Piano. Where the Rainbow Ends—Selection (Quilter); Sidney Torch (Organ).

11.0 Close down.

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A total of \$1,527.30 was reached on Saturday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:

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AND NOTICE is also given that the Share Transfer Registers will be closed from 1st March, 1941, to 15th March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
R. A. WICKESON,
Secretary and Manager.
Hongkong, 14th February, 1941.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 19th February, 1941, to Friday, the 28th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
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Hongkong, 12th February, 1941.

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N.E.I.-JAPANESE NEGOTIATIONS

To Be Resumed Soon

BATAVIA, Feb. 17 (Dome).—The economic conversations between Japan and the Netherlands East Indies will be resumed in a couple of days following Saturday morning's meeting between Mr. J. E. van Hoogstraten, chief of the Commercial Affairs Bureau and delegate to the Japanese-Dutch conference, and Mr. Yutaka Ishizawa, Japanese Consul-General.

Calling on the Japanese Consul-General, the Dutch delegate, it was understood, expressed the Netherlands East Indies Government's readiness to resume the conference.

Mr. van Hoogstraten said that the Netherlands East Indies authorities were satisfied with the Japanese Government's subsequent amplification of the rejection by the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Chuichi Ohashi, of the Dutch Government's demand of January 31 refusing to permit the Netherlands East Indies' inclusion into the proposed Japanese sphere of co-prosperity in East Asia.

Coastal War In South China

CHUNGKING, Feb. 17 (Central News).—Township in the Sunwul district in south Kwangtung was recaptured by the Chinese on February 15, according to military reports.

Japanese troops in occupation of the township were intercepted when they tried to push westward. The Chinese closed in on the town, smashed in and regained control.

Japanese troops made another landing at Nanjia Island off the Fujian coast on the morning of February 12 in an attempt to re-take it from the Chinese. They were repulsed. In the afternoon four Japanese warships arrived and marines from the warships tried to land in steam boats. Three bombing planes zoomed overhead to protect them. Stiff Chinese resistance was encountered.

Japanese marines aboard warship sailing from Chuenhsin Island off the coast of Changmen in Fujian attempted a landing at Wuchu Isle nearby on February 11 but were driven off.

Tamshui Still Occupied

WAICHOW, Feb. 17 (International).—Reports that Japanese troops have evacuated Tamshui on the Shikuan-Shayuchung highway are not confirmed; on the contrary, the Japanese troops are strengthening its defence.

Hachung, facing Bias Bay, was evacuated on February 15, but the Japanese are still in Aotou also facing the Bay and south of Tamshui. All the outposts north of Tamshui were evacuated owing to frequent guerrilla attacks.

Lupao Recaptured

SHIUKWAN, Feb. 17 (International).—Having re-captured Lupao on the North River, Chinese troops pressed further down and recaptured Huangtang and Niankang to the south on Saturday. The Japanese are retreating towards Huangtang just north of Samshui.

Many houses in and around Lupao were burnt to the ground after occupation. The defeat of the Japanese in this sector removes all threat of a possible advance to Shikuan. The Japanese recapture of Lupao was prompted by a desire to destroy petrol and other goods stored up there but these had been removed prior to enemy occupation.

Rice For Shanghai Eases Prices

Police To Guard Market

SHANGHAI, Feb. 17 (UP).—Chinese trading circles predict that in view of the heavy rice arrivals from the south, the price this week will return to below the officially fixed limits despite the nervous sentiment in the local rice market over the week-end. Approximately 100,000 bags of Saigon rice arrived last week and more is due to arrive this week.

From to-day the local rice market will be guarded by police constables in order to assist the market authorities to prohibit speculation and profiteering. Also effective to-day will be the new ruling by the Municipal Council that bills of sale and other trading records will be subject to the inspection of Municipal Council representatives.

NO PARADES

"The Military Authorities inform us that there will be no parade of the H.K.V.D.C. Training Cadre and Company on Monday and Tuesday, February 17 and 18."

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/2 1/2
Demand London	1/2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	1/2 1/2
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	102 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24
T.T. Manila	48
T.T. Batavia	48
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/2
T.T. Saigon	104
T.T. France	Nom.
T.T. Switzerland	102
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/2
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	24 1/2
4 m/s India	Nom.
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.08 1/2

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks	1,400 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.)	70 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.)	77 n.
Chartered Bank	23 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. E.	11 1/2 n.
Mercantile, C. E.	76 b.
INSURANCES	
Cantons	215 b.
Union	412 1/2 b.
China Underwriters	1 n.
H.K. Fire	170 b.
SHIPPING	
Douglas S.	135 n.
Steamboats	9 s.
Indo-China P. S.	100 n.
Indo-China D. S.	60 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/-	41/10 1/2
Waterboats	7 n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	98 n.
Docks (old)	17.00 n.
Docks (new)	17 n.
Providence	64 b.
Shai Dockyards	26 n.
MINING	
Kailan s/-	18 n.
Raub s/-	8 n.
H.K. Mines	1 1/4 cts. n.
LANDS	
Hotel	3.60 n.
Lands	34 1/2 s.
Lands 4% Debentures	97 1/2 b.
Shai Lands Sh.	10.80 n.
Humphreys	7.05 n.
H.K. Realities	3.70 s.
Chinese Estates s.x.d.	98 n.
UTILITIES	
Trams	17.90 n.
Peak Trams (old)	7 1/2 n.
Peak Trams (new)	27 n.
Star Ferries	27 n.
Y. Ferries	24 1/2 n.
China Lights (old)	6.15/20 b.
China Lights (new)	1.97 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric (old)	39 3/4 n.
H.K. Electric (new)	39 3/4 n.
Macao Electric (old)	17 1/4 n.
Macao Electric (new)	16 1/4 n.
Sandakan Lights	12 n.
Telephones (old)	24 1/2 n.
Telephones (new)	10.20 n.
INDUSTRIALS	
Cald. Macg. (Ord.)	Sh. \$ 30 n.
Cald. Macg. (Pref.)	Sh. \$ 25 n.
Canton Ice	1 n.
Cement	17.90 n.
H.K. Ropes	8 1/2 n.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms	10.20 n.
Wong	11/10.05 n.
Lane Crawford	7 1/2 n.
Sincere	2.15 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	39 n.
Powell Ltd.	1.90 n.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh.	37 3/4 n.
Shai Cotton Sh.	203 n.
MISC.	
H.K. Govt 4 1/2	90 1/4 b.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2 (1934)	94 1/4 b.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2 (1940)	94 1/4 b.
Ch Govt 5% 1925 GSds.	42/47 n.
H.K. Entertainments	7 n.
Constructions (old)	1.00 n.
Constructions (new)	1 n.
Vibro Pilling	7.70 n.
Marsmann Inv. (Lon.)	673 n.
Marsmann Inv. (H.K.)	2/6 n.

British Lose Flying Boat

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The British flying boat "Clyde" was sunk in the River Tagus at Lisbon yesterday during a hurricane which swept the Portuguese capital, it is learned in London.

The Clyde was recently employed in the West African service of British Airways.

OBLITERATION OF POLES Nazi Vandalism

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—Desperate attempts are being made by the Germans to remove all traces of Polish life in the western part of Poland, says a "Reuter" correspondent. Even memorials and tombstones in cemeteries are being taken away and cemeteries are being ploughed up or turned into public parks.

The statues of many famous Poles are being removed by order of Dr. Frick, the Nazi governor of Poland. Among them is the statue of Marshal Pilsudski, one of the most famous of Napoleon's marshals, who committed suicide after the Battle of Leipzig. His statue stood in Pilsudski Square, the principal open space in Warsaw, where it was set up in 1923 after it had been brought back from Russia. The inauguration ceremony was attended by Marshal Foch, who was then created a Polish Marshal.

The whereabouts of the statue are not now known. The statue of Copernicus, the astronomer owing to his world renown, has not been destroyed but the Polish inscription has been erased and replaced by a German one.

FORD'S STRANGE ATTITUDE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ATLANTA, Ga. Feb. 16 (UP).—Mr. Henry Ford is opposed to a victory on either side in the European war, according to a copyright article appearing in the Atlanta Constitution.

The newspaper quoted Mr. Ford as saying "Give them—Britain and the Axis Powers—tools to keep on fighting until both collapse. There is no righteousness in either cause. Both are motivated by the same evil impulses which is greed."

Shelling of Genoa

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—Italian casualties in the British bombardment of Genoa on February 9, according to the official Italian news agency, totalled 144 killed and 272 injured.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

1—Object

5—Part of mouth

9—Vacances

13—Out English court

15—Edible tuber

17—Snare

19—Medieval barbarian

21—See

23—Dancer

25—Leather maker

27—Parent

29—Substance

31—Donkey

33—Article

35—Drummer

37—Familiar

39—Friend (French)

41—Individual

43—Less colorful

45—Greek god

47—Small child

49—Waltz

51—Agreement

53—Thousand billion

55—Medieval plant

57—Comfort

59—Light castle

61—Cloth article

63—Prefix: three

65—Direction

67—Kindred near Austria

69—Down

1—Kindred near Austria

3—Field of snow

5—College of officer

7—Composite

9—Leather strip

11—Callop

13—Proven water

15—Voice

17—Person with strong voice

19—Field

21—Act wildly

23—Composite

25—Actors in play

27—Feline

29—Feline assembly

31—High mountain

33—Halt

35—Revelation

Hongkong News of the Week

A Page For The Evacuees

Monday

February 10

Situation At Shanyung. While rumors are current that the Japanese are evacuating Shanyung, the town off Mrs. Bay, most Chinese sources agree that the Japanese have remained there, although their garrison has been considerably weakened. The Japanese garrison at Shanyung is believed to be only 300, most of them having been sent to relieve Tamsui.

It is, however, reliably learned that hundreds of Chinese refugees and loading coolies at Shanyung are facing starvation as their food supplies from Hongkong have been cut and many were prevented by the Japanese from leaving. The Hongkong-Shanyung ferries have not resumed running.

At Shanyung and Kwelching the Japanese arrested many guerilla suspects, including some innocent villagers, Chinese reports allege. Many makeshifts built by transportation companies as temporary godowns were destroyed. Some of the guerilla suspects were imprisoned by the Japanese at the Wanchow Restaurant, Shanyung, and by day they were forced to help the Japanese in rebuilding the damage highways near Shanyung.

Guerillas' Success. Chinese sources report that after a counter-attack Chinese troops have recaptured both Tamsui, north of Blas Bay, and Leelung which is along the Canton-Kowloon railway. After the Chinese entry into Tamsui the Japanese troops, numbering about 1,000 men withdrew to the north.

Prior to the Chinese recapture of Tamsui the Japanese last week invaded Wing Woo; but the guerillas there gave them surprisingly strong resistance, which foiled the advance.

When the Japanese first landed at Blas Bay their original scheme was to occupy Tamsui, Lung Kong and finally Wanchow. But after the battle at Tamsui the Japanese found that the Chinese had a stronger force in this sector of the East River zone than they first anticipated. For the reason the 10,000 or so Japanese who had been assembled between Sheikung and Po On have remained inactive.

An important Japanese army conference was held at Namtau last week in which a Japanese divisional commander from Canton discussed the East River campaign with the commanders at Po On. The same

officer left later for Blas Bay, where he inspected the defences.

Advance from Shumchun

At Shumchun the Japanese who advanced north to attack Jing Wu and Wong Kong found that the Chinese strongly entrenched. During the Japanese retreat from places around Ping Wu they destroyed over 800 houses and shops in the small villages there. At Ping Wu Market, over 80 per cent. of the shops were destroyed.

Po Kat, another town along the Canton-Kowloon railway, is still being held by the Japanese; but the Chinese who recaptured Leelung are known to be preparing a drive to recapture Po Kat as soon as reinforcements arrive from north Kwangtung.

Between Friday and Saturday, villagers at Sha Wan near Namtau saw fifteen railway coaches of Japanese killed or wounded being sent to Namtau, en route to Canton.

Since the Japanese landing off Blas Bay, many Chinese transportation companies here with offices in Hongkong are now diverting their goods to Shuntung, Loling, Yung Kong and Lin Keong in southern Kwangtung, from where the goods are sent to Shumchun through a more mountainous route. As goods sent by this new route go by launches or junks, they will take several more days to reach their destination in north Kwangtung, where large quantities of foreign paper, medicines, piece-goods and motor-car parts are imported from Hongkong. Over 100 such launches and junks are operating between Hongkong, Yung Kong and Shuntung.

Prisoners At Work. Prisoners at Stanley are actively engaged in air raid preparations within the prison walls. Two machines turn out nearly 200 concrete blocks every day for the erection of shelters for the prisoners.

The working activities of the prisoners extends beyond the confines of the establishment. Major J. L. Williams, Superintendent of Prisons, confirmed yesterday.

Two acres of land just outside the prison have been cultivated and are now producing vegetables and other agricultural produce for prison consumption. At Tsimtsum and in the new military areas large gangs of prisoners are engaged in anti-malaria work, and sometimes this work, which is men, take them as far away from Stanley as Cape d'Aguilar.

Tuesday

February 11

Cleaning Up Colony. A completely new Defence Regulation, authorizing deportation of persons other than natives of the Colony, whether British subjects or not, was promulgated in the Government Gazette Extraordinary, issued yesterday afternoon. The various grounds on which such deportation can be ordered are set out in the notification.

In exercise of the powers conferred on him by the Emergency Powers (Colonial Defence) Order in Council, 1939, and the Emergency Powers (Colonial Defence) (Amendment) Order in Council, 1940, and all other powers enabling him in that behalf, His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government makes the following regulation which shall be inserted in and shall form part of the Defence Regulations, 1939, published in the Government Notification 700 in the Gazette Extraordinary of 25th June, 1940, as subsequently amended—

50.—(1) If the Governor deems it necessary or expedient in the interests of public safety, defence or the maintenance of the war, or for maintaining supplies and services essential to the life of the community, he may by order direct that any or all of the persons to whom this regulation applies shall be removed from the Colony.

(2) This regulation shall apply to—(a) any person, not being a native of the Colony (whereof the proof shall be upon such person), who, whether a British subject or not, has entered this Colony in breach of any enactment, or any order or direction under any enactment, for the time being in force relating to such entry, or having entered this Colony in breach of any such enactment, order or direction or any permission given thereunder or of any condition attached to such permission; or

(b) is the subject of a restriction or detention order under regulation 17 or 18;

(c) persons, or any class of persons, who are not British subjects, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, any person who—(i) is diseased, maimed, blind, idiot, lunatic or decrepit, and without the means of subsistence and who may be hindered by his state from earning a livelihood;

(ii) cannot show that he has in his possession, or that he is physically able to earn, the means of decently supporting himself and his dependants if any, or that he is able to obtain such support in this Colony;

(iii) is a professional beggar or vagrant or a person likely to become a charge upon the public or upon any public charitable institution;

(iv) is suffering from a contagious disease which is loathsome or dangerous;

(v) has entered this Colony and, being a person for whom a passport is necessary, was not at the time of such entry in possession of a valid passport, or is in possession of a forged or altered passport or of a passport which does not comply with any Regulations in force relating to passports;

(vi) has been deported, banished or expelled from any country or state or that he has been deported, banished or expelled from any country or state with a view to his being repatriated;

(vii) is suspected of being likely to promote sedition or to cause a disturbance of public tranquility; or (viii) cannot show that he has a definite employment or that he has a reasonable prospect of obtaining employment in this Colony.

(ix) is a prostitute or a person living on the proceeds of prostitution; (x) has entered this Colony and at the time of such entry was not in possession of such certificates as were required under any quarantine regulations then in force.

Competent Authority. (1) Where an order is made under this regulation, a competent authority may give such directions to or in respect of any person affected by the order as may be necessary to secure compliance with it; any such direction may be given verbally or in writing and may prescribe the times at which such routes or vessels, aircraft or vehicles by which persons are to leave this Colony and the places outside this Colony to which persons are to go.

(2) A competent authority may, to such extent as he thinks proper, delegate all or any of its functions under this regulation to any specified persons or class of persons.

(3) Without prejudice to any other method of enforcement provided in these regulations, an order under this regulation shall be sufficient authority to—(a) all police officers to arrest and detain any person to whom the order relates for any period not exceeding fourteen days, or such further or extended period as the Governor may in any case determine, pending the removal of such person from this Colony; and

(b) all police officers and to the master and crew of any vessel, the persons in charge of any aircraft or the guards and attendants of any train or other vehicle to use within this Colony and the territorial waters thereof such force and restraint as may be necessary to carry out the order and any directions under paragraph (3) relating thereto.

(4) Any person detained in pursuance of paragraph (3) shall be detained in such place as may be authorized by the Governor and in accordance with instructions issued by him.

It is also notified that His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint the Chief Security for the purpose of the above regulation.

New Hospital. A new and up-to-date hospital in the Upper Levels, capable of accommodating 60 patients, will be opened next week. The site promoters are Mr. Wai Shu-pak and Dr. T. C. Yip, and several other doctors are also interested in the scheme.

The hospital is at the Babington Path, and consists of two separate blocks which were formerly residential buildings. The cost of the property and converting it into a hospital was approximately \$320,000.

Review Of

The

Principal

Topics

February 9

To Feb. 15

Wednesday

February 12

Hongkong's Buses. Cable advice has been received by the China Motor Bus Company that the first two of the 30 Daimler chassis ordered for double-decker buses a year ago, will be shipped within the next three months, and it is expected that the balance will arrive, two at a time, at monthly intervals.

This was revealed by Mr. Ngan Shing-kuang, General Manager of the Company, when he disclosed that the Company's \$1,000,000 scheme for running 60-passenger double-decker buses on the lower level routes in Hongkong, will thus be delayed for another year-and-a-half or two years.

The original scheme, Mr. Ngan said, was to get the chassis equipped with all-metal bodies from England at a cost of £1,725 per chassis and £1,000 for the body. But it was later decided to import the chassis only and build the bodies in Hongkong.

Unfortunately owing to war conditions in Europe, it is difficult to obtain deliveries and at the present rate it may be the end of 1942 before the first complete fleet of the Colony's double-decker-buses is in service. If the two chassis due to be shipped in May arrive here before August, the first double-decker bus should be in service by the beginning of September.

This will, to some extent, relieve the over-crowding on the lower level routes which has been a cause of complaint for some time.

The estimated cost of importing the first 30 chassis, building the bodies and equipping the vehicles for service, is estimated at approximately \$1,000,000, and the Company is anxious to get on with the scheme, but delays in delivery caused by the war are holding up the project.

Plaque Falls From Statue. The bronze plaque from the statue of the late King George V, erected in Hongkong in 1907 when he was Prince of Wales, was found lying at the foot of the statue in the early hours of yesterday morning by a Chinese constable on patrol duty in Statue Square, and taken to the Central Police Station.

Some of the screws which held the plaque in place were found missing, giving an impression that an attempt had been made to steal the plaque, but a closer inspection revealed rust marks in the screw beds, indicating that they had fallen off earlier and that the weight of the plaque was too much for the solitary screw left.

The plaque was sent to the Public Works Department to be re-fixed.

St. David's Society. The annual meeting of St. David's Society was held to-night when the following members were present—Messrs E. Lloyd Jones (President), W. Anurion Jones (Vice-President), D. S. Jones, E. I. Wynne-Jones, R. E. Selwyn-Jones, E. R. Price, D. F. Davies, D. Morgan Richards, Richard Edwards, W. J. Curd, E. C. Thomas, W. T. Lewis and Mrs. W. T. Lewis (Secretary).

The election of officers resulted—President, Mr. D. Morgan Richards; Vice-President, Mr. W. Anurion Jones; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones; Messrs E. R. Price, D. F. Davies, D. Morgan Richards, Richard Edwards, W. J. Curd, E. C. Thomas, W. T. Lewis and Mrs. W. T. Lewis (Secretary).

It was decided that the celebration of St. David's Day should take the form of a cocktail party to which members could invite guests from the Services.

Badminton. Games in the B division of the badminton league to-night resulted—

King's College beat Jewish Recreation Club 7-2.

K. L. Lui and J. Pau lost to J. Odell and M. Talan 17-21; beat B. Godkin and S. Ramler 11-0; beat A. R. Pollok and J. Odell 21-0.

S. P. Chan and K. J. Atwell beat Odell and Talan 21-13; beat Godkin and Ramler 21-14; beat Pollok and Odell 21-7.

W. C. Chung and K. H. Lo lost to Odell and Talan 20-23; beat Godkin and Ramler 25-22; beat Pollok and Odell 21-12.

Police v St. John's. Police lost to St. John's 3-0. W. Gilles and Red Gordon lost to S. Eardley and P. Kwok 14-21; beat N. Smith and N. Whitley 21-12; beat R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd 21-0.

H. Dingsdale and S. Shu lost to Eardley and Kwok 17-21; lost to Smith and Whitley 17-21; beat S. Maynard and Ladd 21-7.

T. J. Mackay and R. Hogarth lost to Eardley and Kwok 5-21; lost to Smith and Whitley 9-21; lost to Maynard and Ladd 11-21.

Kowloon Tong v K.C.C. Kowloon Tong lost to Kowloon 5-4. Wah beat Victoria Recreation Club 5-1. Peter Lo and John Chan lost to 5-1.

Thursday

February 13

Police Officers Retire. Mr. Robert Horne, Ethelbert Marks, Assistant Superintendent of Police (Eastern and Shaukiwan Division), is shortly leaving the Colony on leave prior to retirement on pension after 32 years' service with the Hongkong Police Force.

Born at St. Paul's, Rangoon, England, Mr. Marks came to Hongkong with the Buffs (The Royal West Kent Regiment), and joined the Police on July 25, 1909, as a constable. He was promoted Lance-Sergeant in 1914, Sub-Inspector in 1920, and Inspector in October, 1925. In November, 1931, he was appointed Examiner of Vehicles and Measures, and in February, 1933, was appointed Acting Chief Inspector. He attained the substantive rank of Chief Inspector in August of the same year.

After acting as an Assistant Superintendent of Police since May, 1937, Mr. Marks was substantiated in the rank in February, 1938.

In March, 1938, he was awarded the 4th Class Police Medal for good work as Divisional Inspector at Yuenai, and in March, 1939, received the 3rd Class Police Medal for long and faithful service. He was decorated with the Colonial Police Long Service Medal in June, 1937, and was given a bar to the Medal in July, 1938.

During his period of service, Mr. Marks has had five home leaves. He is 54 years of age. A popular member of the Police and Ranges Cricket Club, Mr. Marks is a keen lawn bowler, and has represented both Clubs in the League. Mr. Marks will be sailing for Australia before he will join his wife. He has two sons in England.

INSPECTOR S. SHEPHERD. Inspector Sidney Shepherd, who has been Divisional Inspector (South) since March, 1939, with headquarters at the Water Police Station, is also proceeding on leave prior to retirement on pension. He has been in the Police 20 years.

A native of Acton, London, Inspector Shepherd saw service in France during the last war, and was in action at Mons with the Coldstream Guards. He joined the Hongkong Police in October, 1919, after being demobilized, and arrived in Hongkong on December 20, the same year.

Promoted through the different grades, Inspector Shepherd reached the rank of Inspector in 1933. He was commended by the then Inspector General of Police in 1932 for services in preventing armed robbery at Shatin New Territories. On October 19, 1933, he was awarded the Colonial Police Long Service Medal, and received a commendation from the Commissioner of Police in August, 1939, for the efficient and hard-working manner in which he had carried out his duties with the Water Police since 1935.

Though he did not take an active part in games, Inspector Shepherd was a keen member of both the Police and Kowloon Bowling Clubs.

His retirement has been brought about as a result of the wounds he received in the last war affecting him.

Friday

February 14

A.R.P. Work Held Up. Progress on building new air raid shelter tunnels is held up at the moment by a shortage of equipment and personnel but every effort is being made to enlarge the existing tunnels, stated Mr. M. L. Devan, Training Officer, to-day.

Mr. Devan was deputizing for the Director of Air Raid Precautions, Wing-Comdr Steele-Perkins, who is at present in hospital with influenza.

The A.R.P. Department has just been given sanction to purchase 4,000 stirrup pumps and 10,000 tubs, each capable of holding 40 gallons of water. This is a recognised A.R.P. fire-fighting equipment, and has not previously been used extensively in England for combating fires caused by incendiary bombs. These stirrup pumps and tubs will be distributed throughout the town and the congested areas. It was proposed, said Mr. Devan, to manufacture the pumps and the tubs in Hongkong.

The Railway had turned out stirrup pumps for them in the past and would probably do so again.

"We are urgently in need of another 500 Despatch Corps riders, who will be attached to the various A.R.P. units for the purposes of carrying messages, etc. At the moment we have only 1,150 in this Corps and the required strength is 1,650," said Mr. Devan.

In answer to a question, he said that they did not propose to start construction on tunnels in Bonham Road or Caine Road at present but every site was being surveyed. He agreed that there were many Chinese schools in the area, but said that at a time of emergency these schools would be closed.

Westday Day of Year. Rainfall totalling 2,355 inches was recorded.

J. L. Anderson and Jones 21-24; beat A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth 23-20; beat E. Zimmermann and A. E. P. S. Eardley and P. Kwok 21-10.

R. Lee and N. A. E. Mackay beat Anderson and Jones 24-23; lost to Fisher and Wynter-Blyth 2-21; lost to Zimmermann and Guest 10-21.

S. Kwok and Chan lost to Anderson and Jones 11-21; lost to Fisher and Wynter-Blyth 18-21; beat Zimmermann and Guest 21-17.

Tuesday's Games. In the B Division on Tuesday at the Jewish Recreation Club, Chung Regina Yui and several other well-rendered items combined to make the show a great success.

ACTING INSPECTOR RODGERS. Another member of the Police Force who is retiring is Acting Inspector Harry Ernest Rodgers. He saw service in the last war, and joined the Force on June 20, 1919, arriving in Hongkong in August. After four years' service as a Crown-Sergeant, he was promoted Sub-Inspector in 1929. He was appointed an Acting Inspector in June last year. In May, 1938, he was commended by the Commissioner of Police for capable and efficient services while acting as Officer-in-Charge of Mongkok Police Station.

Inspector Rodgers has been recommended for his Excellency the Governor's Commendation and also for the Colonial Police Long Service Medal. SUB-INSPECTOR W. M. ARMITT. Also retiring on pension is Sub-Inspector William Mathias Armit, who has been a member of the Police Force since March, 1921.

Other Police officers who are proceeding on leave at the same time as the retiring members of the Force include Acting Chief Inspector J. C. S. Fender and Sub-Inspector J. Orem. Mrs. Anderson Dies. News has been received in Hongkong that on October 13, 1940, at Uddewalla, Sweden, Eda Gudrun Andersson (nee Andersson), wife of Mr. H. M. Andersson formerly of the Chinese Maritime Customs, passed away peacefully after a short illness, at the age of 44.

She was well known to many friends in China and held in high esteem as a faithful friend by those who knew her best.

Mrs. Andersson had been with her husband in Samshui, Macao, Pakhoi, Canton and Nanking. The Anderssons returned home to Sweden in 1939, upon his retirement from the Customs after having completed 31 years' service.

Colony's Water Reserves. While the contents of island reservoirs at the end of January showed an increase over those at the corresponding date in 1940, reservoirs in Kowloon had an appreciable decrease.

On the island the storage was 1,337.45 million gallons, against 1,307.09 on the mainland, the figures were 1,572.91 and 2,207.41.

The consumption of water on the island during the month was 473.07 million gallons (including 217.13 million gallons from the mainland and 255.94 million gallons of undiluted water) by an estimated population of 330,000 at the rate of 18.4 gallons per head per day. The rate per head per day in January 1940 was 18.1, by an estimated population of 360,000 persons.

In Kowloon (excluding Lai Chi Kok Water Dock) the consumption for January was 374.70 million gallons by 309,000 people at 12.1 gallons per head per day in 1940.

The Lai Chi Kok Water Dock consumed 4.53 million gallons against 4.53 million gallons of undiluted water in the village totalling 1.53 million, against 10.72 the previous January.

During the month there was a constant supply on January 23-24, and 17-hour supply otherwise. In 1940 there was a 17-hour supply throughout.

Friday

February 14

At the Royal Observatory to-day making it the wettest day of the year, so far. With a minimum temperature of 49 degrees, yesterday was also the coldest day of the current month, being just one degree above the minimum temperature on January 31, which has been the coldest day this year.

The previous highest rainfall recorded this year was on January 21 when 2.13 inches were registered.

The lowest temperature recorded in February was in 1901 when a minimum of 38.4 degrees was reached. February is usually the coldest month of the year in the Colony and only 11 times during the past 50 years has the February temperature failed to drop below 40 degrees.

The Royal Observatory reported that there was little change in the anticyclone which covered the whole of China, Japan and the neighbourhood of the Philippines, and which extended to the north of the Yangtze.

The weather forecast is north-east winds; fresh; cloudy with rain; improving slowly.

Police Make Merry. The combined Police and Police Reserve dinner dance and cabaret at the Peninsula Hotel to-night was well attended and was a great success in every way.

The dance was in aid of British and Chinese war charities.

Among those present in addition to the Acting Governor, were the following, who sat at the main table—Major General A. E. Gransell, Commodore A. E. Collinson, Sir Atholl and Lady MacGregor, Hon. Mr. N. L. and Mrs. Smith, Hon. Mr. C. B. and Mrs. Perdue, Hon. Mr. S. H. and Mrs. Dowdell, Hon. Mr. W. N. T. Tam, Mr. Justice Williams, Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Tso, Mr. O. Eager, Mr. Abbas Khan, Miss Dart, Mr. T. N. Tsao, Major Champkin, and Mr. J. W. Carcy.

A silver tray presented by Mr. Li Jow-son and 100 sets of stamps presented by Mr. E. Roth, were auctioned, Mr. T. B. Wilson acting as auctioneer. The tray was bought by Mr. Abbas Khan for \$1,000 and the stamps by Mr. H. G. McNery for \$350.

The cabaret entertainment opened with a vocal solo by Miss Elvise Yuen, Mrs. Mina To appeared in a ballet dance which was followed by a tango by Miss Laura Tsao and Mr. Hugh Goldie. A tap dance by Miss Regina Yui and several other well-rendered items combined to make the show a great success.

Tuesday's Games. In the B Division on Tuesday at the Jewish Recreation Club, Chung Regina Yui and several other well-rendered items combined to make the show a great success.

Saturday

February 15

Football Results. Results in local league and cup football were as follows:

First Division

Sing Tao	1	Middlesex	2
Royal Scots	1	Club	10
Kowloon Wah	2	Eastern	10
Police	2	Kowloon	5

Second Division

R.A.O.C.	3	Royal Navy	1
Sing Tao	3	Kowloon	1
Kit Chee	4	South China	1
Middlesex	1	Club	1
Police	2	Kowloon Wah	1

Third Division

20th R.A.	•	Shell	•
24th R.A.	•	Royal Signals	•
30th R.A.	•	R.A.F.	•
A.S.A.	•	35th R.A.	•
R.A.M.C.	•	3 International	•

Lai Wah Cup Final

Army 2 Civilians 5

Army Postponed.

Quips By "Argus"

With Acknowledgments

Blau makes his bow.

Buns are, of course, Bards—but Genoa better Navy?

Popular song at Home: "Will-kie No" Come Back Again."

I hear that General Gorgonzola will no longer be offensive.

"Air Force Miss Berry". But by forcing a draw with the Gunners they also Mr. Raspberry.

Hemingway should have a good reception here since the recent popularity of "Farewell to Marns".

The Editor believes that reporters should have their hearts broken early. Perhaps this is why so many of them marry young.

I can foresee tremendous competition in future for the privilege of being official money-changers to the Immigration Department.

Crime in Hongkong just now is terrible. I see where a man has taken as many as ten wickets belonging to the Royal Engineers.

The B. & F. are willing to do some private plumbing. They remember that Robert Mac Whirter had his pinched.

Supply Board Manager. Major R. D. Walker, Manager and Chief Engineer of the British section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, has been seconded to the Hongkong War Supply Board as its Manager.

Mr. I. B. Trevor has been appointed to act as Manager and Traffic Manager of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, with effect from February 27, but Major Walker will still remain Manager and Chief Engineer in an advisory capacity.

The departure of Mr. John Whyatt, former Secretary of the Hongkong War Supply Board, for Delhi, where he has been appointed Secretary to the Eastern Group Supply Council, leaves a vacancy which will probably be filled at a later date.

Defence Forces. Major M. A. Johnson, who has been allowed to resign his commission in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps with effect from January 15.

Mr. Arthur Edwin Gee has been appointed an Acting Sub-Lieutenant in the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force with effect from January 27.

The Efficiency Medal of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps has been awarded to C. Q. M. S. John C. Polson and Corporal John Trueman Lacey.

Mr. W. R. Hillyer and Mr. James Jolly have been re-assigned from the Essential Services Group to the Key-Posts Group of the Hongkong Defence Reserve, under the Compulsory Services Ordinance.

Mr. J. C. L. Collins has been enrolled in the Key-Post Group of the Defence Reserve with effect from February 13.

Places Postponed. The Hongkong Jockey Club's Annual Race Meeting was postponed, for the first time in the Club's history, today, when heavy rain on Friday night and this morning resulted in the course being waterlogged, making racing virtually impossible on the opening day. Extra Meetings have been postponed due to heavy rains, but the Annual Meeting, despite similar conditions, has hitherto always been concluded according to schedule.

The Jockey Club officially announced this morning that the day's programme would be given on Monday, weather permitting, and that the subsequent programmes would be carried out in proper sequence, with next Saturday's (final day) schedule taking place on Saturday, March 1.

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DEMOCRACY VERSUS DEMAGOGUERY

WHEN Winston Churchill said that he was watching "with deep emotion the stirring processes" by which American democracy is preparing to give Britain the support to hold "the front line," he paid tribute to the ability of a free people to reach decisions by free discussion. On the whole, the American people are displaying a grasp of essentials which deserves that tribute. But some of the performances that have turned the hearings on the lend-lease bill into a sideshow evoke "deep emotion" which is far from admiration.

The witnesses before the House Foreign Relations Committee have testified with earnestness and dignity. But when some committee members indulge in such demagoguery, headline hunting, irrelevancies and buffoonery as to disgust fellow members, reporters and the public, the question must rise as to whether democratic processes can survive. Such a display of Nero's fiddling at a time when the world is afire is surely to be deprecated. We believe the vast majority of Americans do deeply disapprove. And the sideshow has not prevented the soberer and important parts of the hearing from carrying to the people the information they seek.

Democracy is strong enough to absorb even demagoguery—if there is time. The most disturbing feature of the hearings is the evidence that so many members of the Committee do not sense the fact that they are able to take time for such hearings only because the British bulwark still holds. We hope the people are adequately awake to that fact.—*Christian Science Monitor.*

BEHIND WASHINGTON POLICY

U.S. EAGER TO KNOW BRITISH WAR AIMS

By
EVERETT HOLLES

(United Press Cables Editor)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (UP).—The United States is anxious to learn, before it goes "all out" in forging masses of weapons for Britain, the full scope of the British war aims, and to be convinced that the unwavering determination is to wipe out Hitlerism in a struggle to the finish.

This is a subject which high Washington officials refuse to discuss publicly, but it can be stated on good authority that they are making quiet and thorough inquiries.

Hopkins' Task

It was one of the principle tasks of President Roosevelt's personal envoy to London, Mr. Harry L. Hopkins, to get the private low-down on Britain's war aims as well as to discuss means of standardisation and collaboration in British and American arms production.

Information from London indicates that Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Winston Churchill have discussed these war aims and have decided not to elaborate upon them publicly at this time because Britain's immediate task, as Churchill has said, is to "extirpate Hitlerism."

But until these war aims are set forth, in regard not only to the crushing of Hitlerism but post-war Britain as well, there will remain some apprehension as to what realistic imprints will be left in Britain after the conflict.

In contending that Britain is this country's first line of de-

fence, and basing his all-out aid programme on that principle, Mr. Roosevelt must, in order to make his plans effective on a long-range basis, have knowledge of how far Britain intends to go in fighting Hitler.

This, of course, assumes that the British can withstand and repulse Hitler's "supreme attack" to break their resistance, in whatever form that attack may be.

Should the British repulse a German "knock-out" blow and then, feeling their bargaining position to be stronger, consent to a negotiated peace, the United States might be left holding the bag.

From a policy of all-out aid to Britain, perhaps even to the point of sacrificing in the emergency weapons intended for the U. S. armed forces, this country would be forced back almost overnight on the necessity of throwing up a new front line of defence in the western hemisphere.

No Suspicion

This desire to learn the full scope of Britain's war plans does not betray a suspicion of the British, I was assured in high Washington circles, but is motivated by the U. S. Government's insistence "upon building our defences in the most practical, long-range manner."

Progress of the Blockade

Germans Spread Coal on Bread

By H. ROBERTSON HOLMES,
famous research chemist.

BRITAIN'S ever-tightening blockade of the continent is forcing Germany to fall back on more and more Ersatz products.

The ingenuity of her chemists is being hard put to it to supply the country's need of vital chemicals and foods.

Meanwhile, the disgruntled German hausfrau faces the winter with real dread.

Well she might. Just before the war began I and a number of other British chemists were at the German Sebacic Acid works at Witten-in-the-Ruhr.

Von Klotzbach; one of the senior chemists of the Krupp combine, lifted a serviette from a dish.

"Lunch is served," he beamed, revealing—a piece of ordinary white deal wood!

"From this block of wood we can get alcohol, sugar, and glue," he said. "And"—uncovering another serviette, to disclose eleven lumps of hard coal—"from this coal we can get rubber, butter, nitric acid, artificial textiles, and toluol, the vital constituent of the high-explosive T.N.T."

"Tastes Like Rubber"

When a German hausfrau grouches, "This butter tastes like rubber," she may be quite right, for a chemical combine of Krupp, Hoesch and Haniel-Komzern (who are leaders among the coal "kings" of Germany) are now making artificial butter and rubber from the same lumps of coal, and deriving a considerable profit thereby.

Two questions immediately arise in connection with "Ersatz" stuff:

Have the German chemists any special discoveries which we lack?

Why don't we make "Ersatz" rubber, butter, soap, fabrics and so forth?

So far as the first query is concerned, I can assure you that the bigger combines like Imperial Chemical Industries, Levers, and so on have for years made a close study of Nazi Ersatz, and some of our "espionage" stories in this connection equal any of the spy adventures of the Foreign Office!

We have our own agents actually working in the big German chemical works, and for years our "Fifth Column" chemists have been revealing to us every new discovery of Nazi scientists.

When Krupp could no longer rely on getting good supplies of Chilean nitrates he began to use a secret process for extracting nitrol from coal.

Grim Joke

I can assure you that this same system for making high-explosives from coal has been tested in a Nottingham laboratory, but we have no need to waste money on the wholesale development of the scheme.

We can still get our nitrate and other supplies from South America; and were we fooled from doing so, we should use an even superior method of obtaining nitrates.

How do they get sugar and alcohol from wood?

Von Klotzbach was the inventor of the steam-treating process that, from 200 lbs. of wood, produces 24 quarts of pure alcohol and 60 lbs. of lignin.

Wood shavings are stored in towers like Canadian wheat towers, and after several months of storage the bales of shavings are steam-treated under great pressure, and the natural resin of the wood is then distilled in the same way that crude oil is turned into petrol.

The resulting Ersatz alcohol works much better in aeroplane engines than in the human stomach!

"Mir laßt das Wasser im Munde zusammen (my mouth is watering already)," joked a Nazi doctor when von Klotzbach showed me the block of wood from which he was going to make alcohol. It was a grim joke.

reaching Washington official quarters so far have described the British war spirit as high, Mr. Hopkins will report on his first-hand tour of provincial centres.

3. Whether Britain means, as Mr. Churchill has said, to carry the war back to Germany, with an invasion of the continent in 1942, and what resources she will have for such an undertaking, on the basis of the present situation.

4. How the United States can help in preparations for such a British offensive, not only in supplying planes and other arms but, by means of economic warfare, assist to cripple Germany internally.

5. Whether Britain is prepared, in the event of victory, to give full support to Mr. Roosevelt's announcement that this nation insists upon a seat at any peace conference, whether or not she actually enters the war, and will insist upon world-wide disarmament.

6. Whether the British are prepared to give other peoples a free share in the resources of her Empire, righting the maladjustments of the World War settlements and offering them both the material advantages which some of them have obtained from Hitler's own peculiar economic system as well as the advantages of liberty and self-respect.

7. Whether Britain's war aims foresee some sort of a European federation, powerful enough to withstand any attack and providing for the elimination of cut-throat economic competition while still protecting the individual identity of various nations.

U.S. Peace Aims

Mr. Roosevelt, making it clear that in regardless of the extent of U. S. involvement in the conflict this country is determined to have its say in framing the post-war world, already has set forth in a generalised way the U. S. peace aims.

They call for (1) freedom of speech and expression everywhere, (2) freedom of worship, (3) freedom from want and economic maladjustments, and (4) freedom from fear, which means disarmaments to a point where no power will be capable of aggression.

A New Halifax

In connection with Washington's speculation to the effect of "negotiated peace" being in Britain, there is an interesting story going the Washington rounds regarding the new British Ambassador to the United States, Viscount Halifax.

The fact that Mr. Churchill chose a man closely associated with the Chamberlain policy of "negotiation" has an explanation, according to this story.

Lord Halifax came to the United States because of his former views, not in spite of them, it is said. His task is to inform non-interventionists, and such groups as the American First Committee, that Britain is determined to see the war through to the complete crushing of Hitlerism; that he, once known as an appeaser, represents this changed and hardened policy in British Tory circles.

As to non-interventionism in the United States, Administration supporters assert that it is cracking up far more rapidly than in 1914-1917.

This, it is claimed, can be attributed as much to Hitler's reaction as to President Roosevelt's policies in themselves.

Hitler's Attitude

Last year, when I accompanied Under-Secretary of State Sumner Welles on his tour of Europe's belligerent capitals, the German attitude toward the United States appeared to be that non-intervention sentiment would outweigh any aggressive Roosevelt policies as regards the Axis.

Now, the Roosevelt administration believes that Hitler's attitude has changed to a belief that the United States really means business.

No one in Washington knows, of course, what Hitler's actual answer will be to the President, it can be said, intends to play this psychological factor to the limit, and on this he bases to a large extent his hopes of keeping the United States out of the hostilities.

In this respect, the provision in the President's aid to Britain bill turning over U. S. bases for the repair of British warships is significant.

Come what may, the United States wants to make sure that the British and American fleets will stand together.

In his recent fireside radio talk, Mr. Roosevelt said: "I believe that the Axis powers are not going to win this war. I base that belief on the latest and the best information."

So long as British and American sea power is dominant, Hitler can never accomplish his broad plan of conquest.

Administration leaders in Washington told me in private conversation that they believe Britain means to fight it out to a finish, particularly now that billions of dollars in U. S. arms—anywhere from \$2,000,000,000 to \$10,000,000,000—is in sight.

They pointed to the recent statement of the British Prime Minister indicating that, without formidable American aid, the best Britain could hope for would be a stalemate and a negotiated peace.

War Deferred

But Mr. Churchill added—for the benefit of American opponents to all-out aid to Britain—that a negotiated peace would only mean war again later on and "on worse terms," and "the chance of setting the march of mankind along the high roads of human progress would be lost and might never return."

However, speculation in Washington as to the possibilities of a negotiated peace is not limited to non-interventionist quarters.

There are those who fear that the British, whatever their purposes, might be left so prostrate after repulsing a knock-out German assault that they might be willing to negotiate to end the bloodshed and destruction.

Germany might be left too spent to try another assault while the British, weakened in planes, men and other resources, would be too exhausted to attempt an invasion of the European continent. Then, it is feared, a stalemate might invite peace discussions.

Suspicion still exists in Washington that some Britons are still waiting quietly "under cover" for such a development, and would come forth with a proposal to "pen up Hitler on the continent" and save the British overseas Empire.

This British view, according to some reports reaching Washington, contends that British-American naval power could defend the rest of the world and "leave it to Germany and Russia to fight it out on the continent."

"Fluid" State

The entire month-to-month schedule for arms shipments to Britain would be thrown completely out of gear, because these arms are being produced for Britain's specific needs rather than primarily for western hemisphere defence under Mr. Roosevelt's proposals.

Washington appears to have only the most meagre information now regarding Britain's war aims, despite the hand-in-hand functioning of the two governments, and to most inquiries the British are reported to have replied that the situation being what it is, these aims necessarily are in a "fluid" state. Nevertheless, it is apparent that this lack of information is not without effect upon both our arms production programme and the course of U. S. foreign policy on a long-range basis.

Information Sought

Through Mr. Hopkins and other channels Washington is anxious to learn:

1. Whether there is any danger that Britain, after some sort of a victory bolstering the British bargaining position, would negotiate a peace in the manner which Mr. Roosevelt has said "would bring no security for ourselves or our neighbours."

2. The actual state of morale among the British people, not only the leaders but the people of the provinces. All reports

WESTERN RUHR, BOULOGNE, CALAIS AND ROTTERDAM BOMBED BY R.A.F.

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—Objectives in the Western Ruhr were the main targets of a considerable attack by British bombers last night, says the Air Ministry. The targets included oil installations in an inland port and aerodromes.

A large number of high explosive bombs were seen to explode in the target areas, causing many large fires.

The port of Rotterdam was also attacked. Bombs were seen to burst in the dock area.

Other bombers carried out a successful sustained routine attack on docks at Boulogne and many large fires were started.

From all these operations, two British aircraft are missing.

Coastal Command aircraft also raided the docks at Calais last night without loss.

From other operations of the Coastal Command yesterday, three British aircraft are missing.

Nazi Loss 12 Planes

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—During the week ending midnight on February 15, twelve German and three British aircraft were destroyed over Britain.

On February 9, three German planes were destroyed; on February 10, one German; on February 12, one German; on February 14, one German and one British; and on February 15, six German and two British.

The British fighter lost on February 14 was the first destroyed in the fighter patrol area since January 4—that is, 41 days.

German Claims

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—According to a German High Command communiqué, German reconnaissance planes inflicted severe damage on two merchant ships yesterday in the Thames Estuary and in the Humber.

The communiqué also states that military long-range guns shelled "important military objectives" in south-east England on Friday and Saturday and that German dive-bombers attacked British bases in Cirencester with heavy calibre bombs.

Concerning Saturday night's raids on Britain, the communiqué says that considerable German bomber formations attacked south-east England, the Midlands and shipping targets.

Several aerodromes are stated to have been set on fire and stationary planes destroyed. Damage was also done to dock installations on the Thames and in a west coast harbour.

Two merchant ships totalling 8,000 tons are stated to have been sunk, another set ablaze, and a light cruiser was hit by a bomb.

The communiqué continues that attempts by the enemy to fly into occupied territory were repulsed on the coast and two British fighters and three bombers were lost in aerial combat.

British Raids

It adds that a small number of high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped in Western Germany last night by the enemy but no important damage was done.

The communiqué concludes: "During these flights over German territory and the night attempts to raid occupied territory, German night fighters shot down four planes. One was brought down by A.A. fire. The total loss to the enemy amounted to ten planes. One German plane is missing."

Bomber Ends In Sea

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—There has been some activity over this country today by single enemy aircraft, says the Air Ministry.

British fighters shot down an enemy bomber into the sea off the south coast this morning.

Bombs have been dropped at three points in the London area and in some places in eastern and south-eastern England and the Home Counties.

FOOD for U.K. Americans Take Up New Cry

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—A nation-wide appeal to President Roosevelt to take steps necessary to ensure Britain's food supplies is being organised.

A letter to Mr. Roosevelt already signed by over 100 prominent Americans, after declaring that the American people overwhelmingly agree with the President's statement that America must become the arsenal of democracy, proceeds:

"The gallant garrisons of democracy may need more than arms; they may need food.

"Hitler's boasts of submarine sinkings to date are only foretaste of what is to come soon. Men no matter how brave, in order to fight victoriously on land, sea, and in the air must know that starvation cannot threaten the women they are defending. It is within our power to see that such a threat does not materialise."

Conquered Peoples

The letter says that conquered peoples "whose food is being stolen from them to feed the German armies of occupation" can be helped only by being freed from the yoke of the oppressor, but Americans can see to it that their only hope of liberation is not destroyed as it would be if the British Isles should be reduced through starvation.

The signatories ask the President to take such steps as may be necessary to make us not only the arsenal but the larder of democracy."

SAPPER IS CHARGED Forgery Alleged

District Court Martial proceedings against Sapper James Johns of the 40th Company, Royal Engineers, opened at Wellington Barracks this morning.

The Court comprised Major S. F. Hedgecock, Middlesex Regiment (President), Acting Captain W. E. Martin, Royal Artillery and Lieut. H. S. F. Hancock, Middlesex Regiment, while 2/Lieut. W. H. Hayland, Royal Artillery, watched proceedings under instructions.

Captain H. C. Cartwright-Taylor, Royal Engineers, was the prosecuting officer and the defence was in charge of Captain A. J. Le Seclieur, Royal Engineers.

Sapper Johns appeared on three charges of forgery, uttering a forged document, knowing it to be forged; and alternatively, attempting to obtain credit from the Mary Silk Store, No. 60 Johnston Road, Wanchai, by false pretences.

Signature of O.C. It was alleged that Sapper Johns forged the signature of Major D. M. J. Murray, Officer Commanding 40th Company, Royal Engineers, on a form guaranteeing payment of \$10 per week and authorising the firm to allow him credit up to \$150. He was further alleged to have uttered this document to the firm and to have attempted to obtain a blue suit of "patrols", underwear and other goods.

Mr. Guloona Narayan, silk merchant attached to the Mary Silk Store, said that on January 29 accused came to his shop and wanted credit for purchases up to \$150. He was told that credit could only be allowed if payment was guaranteed by an officer of his regiment and he was given a guarantee form for completion and signature by an officer.

Next day accused asked for another guarantee form saying that he had mislaid the first and he was given one. That afternoon he returned with the form which bore a signature purporting to be that of an officer.

The firm doubted its authenticity and wrote to the Officer Commanding the regiment for confirmation.

Delivery Refused In the meantime, as accused was impatient to obtain goods, he was taken to the firm's tailor and measured for a suit but he was refused delivery of the other goods.

Later when he came in again and wanted to take the goods away, witness told him that the firm had written to his commanding officer.

Then accused tried to laugh the matter away and said that he had written the letter and the signature of Major Murray, adding that the rubber stamp was one he had with him.

Under cross-examination by the defending officer, witness said that the suit ordered by accused cost about \$30 but accused wanted other articles including kimono and ladies wear which he said he wanted to send home. The only other soldier having credit at his shop was another Sapper of the Royal Engineers, whose credit was guaranteed by an officer.

The hearing is proceeding.

BATISTA CABLES H. K. CONSULATE Revolt In Cuba Quashed

The Consul for Cuba in Hongkong is in receipt of the following information from the Minister of State, Havana, dated February 6:

"The President of the Republic of Cuba, Colonel Batista, in exercise of his Constitutional powers, assumed last night supreme command of the forces of sea and land.

"He accepted the resignations of the chiefs of the Army and Navy appointing Colonels Lopez Miquel and Gomez Cases to those offices respectively.

"Apart from the insubordination of the ex-chiefs the armed forces remained loyal to the Government.

"Absolute peace now exists in the whole Republic which has the highest confidence in the President, and in the armed forces. The Council of Ministers were in entire agreement with the firmness of the actions of the President.

WILLKIE'S PLANS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (UP).—Mr. Wendell Willkie indicated to-day that he is planning a tour of China similar to that of Britain.

Asked regarding rumours that he intended to make such a trip, he smilingly replied, "No definite decision has been reached."

Asked if he expects to return to the "private practice of law in the near future," Mr. Willkie did not amplify his former remarks.

Singapore Minefield Bars Sea Attack

By FREDERICK KUH
Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Feb. 16 (UP).—The new mine field off the south-east tip of the Malaya Peninsula effectively bars the main shipping routes to Singapore from Thailand, Indo-China and Japan according to an unofficial analysis of the announcement made by the Admiralty.

The announcement of the mining of the approaches to Singapore is interpreted as the further strengthening of the great naval and air base here and the easing of the tension which has been mounting for a week due to the persistent reports that Japan is planning a southward thrust coincidental with the Axis spring offensive.

The formidable stronghold of Singapore was recently reinforced by formations of R.A.F. Blenheim bombers of the Australian bomber squadron. The presence in Australia of Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, Commander in Chief of the Far East station, indicates further Imperial co-operation in the defence of Britain's Far Eastern outposts.

Among the elements in the precarious Far Eastern situation which are regarded as being important here are the peace negotiations between Thailand and Indo-China, in which Japan is reported to be seeking air bases in both countries; however, British fears are somewhat allayed by the Anglo-Thailand non-aggression pact and the Thailand communique mentioning the "very happy relations" with Britain remaining "unimpaired."

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HOPKINS REPORTS Famous First Words

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—"I don't think Hitler can lick the British" were the first words of Mr. Harry Hopkins when he arrived here to-day by clipper on his return, from Europe.

He added: "The English are as tough a crowd as I think there is. With the help of this country, there is no question but that England will win the war and it is not going to be a stalemated war."

Mr. Hopkins declared that the relations needed "a lot of help" and said that he felt sure that they would get it.

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BELGIAN RELIEF

Hoover Announce

Test Food Plan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". CHICAGO, Feb. 16 (UP).—In a radio speech here to-night, Mr. Herbert Hoover announced that the British and German Governments are considering a plan which was proposed by the committee dealing with food for the small democracies under which 1,000,000 Belgian adults and 2,000,000 children will be fed with 50,000 tons of food each month through soup kitchens.

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By Ernie Bushmiller



Thailand Evacuation Order

Wise Precaution

LONDON, Feb. 17 (Reuter).—The official advice to British citizens that they should leave Thailand must be read as a wise precaution, not as a proof of imminent danger, declares the "Daily Telegraph" in an editorial.

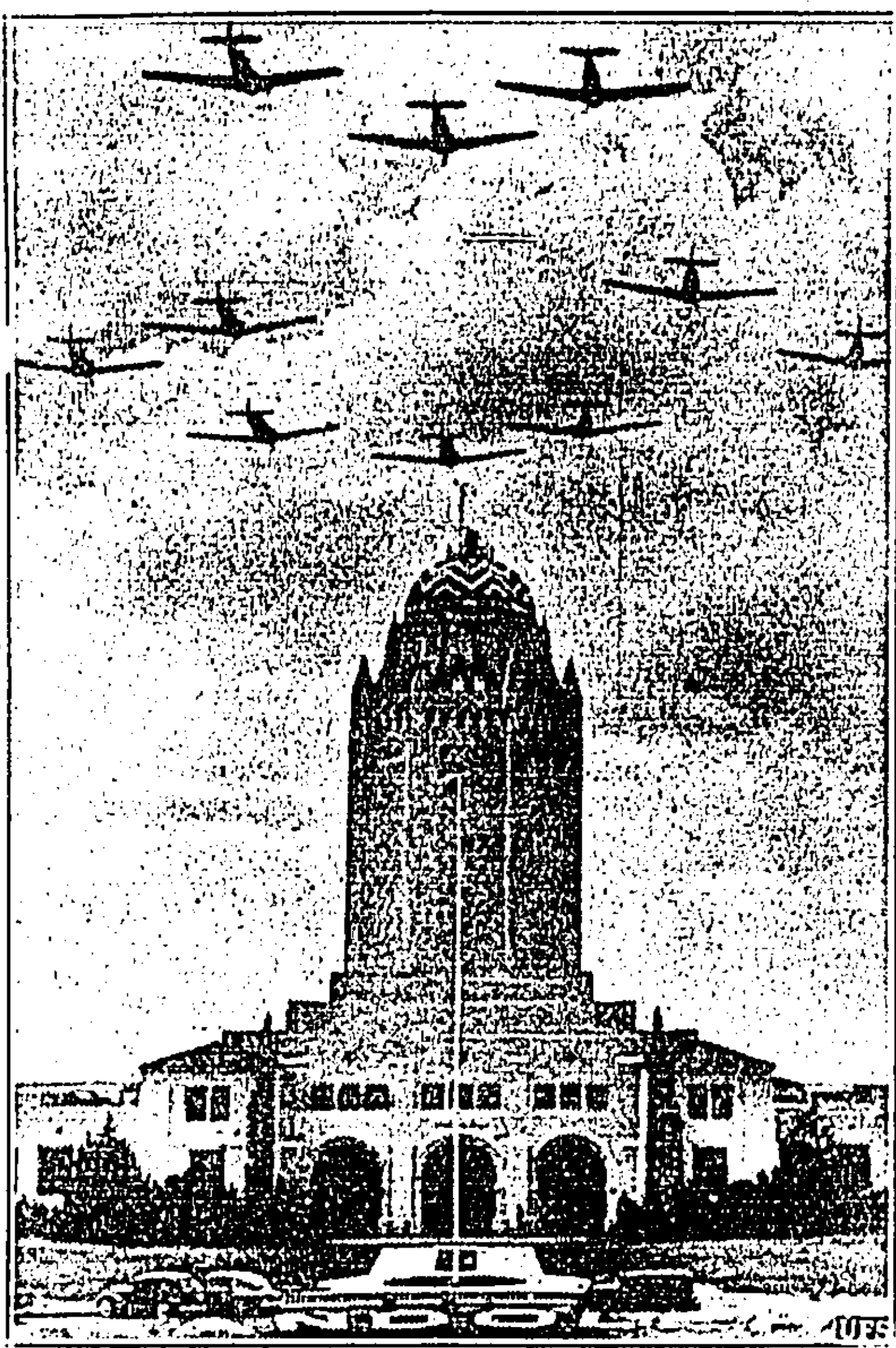
The paper adds: "When Hitler boasts of the number of people under the Axis whip we should remember that delegates from the eastern and southern quarter of the British Empire at the Delhi Conference represented a population of 416,000,000 with a trade of £2,500,000,000 per year. Their war strength undeveloped was formidable as Italy has bitterly complained. Their geographical position enables them to distribute their growing power just where it is most needed for the security of the Empire."

Southern Drive

To frustrate the menace of the southern drive of Japanese Nazism towards Singapore and Australia, Australia has not only fighting men of supreme quality but efficient industries behind them and she is "all out" on a huge production plan.

Yet Australia is only one of the arsenals of the Empire which can supply a campaign in the Pacific.

The "Telegraph" proceeds to refer to the industrial resources of India and South Africa and adds, "The Japanese Government may well reflect on this amplitude of supplies. There should yet be enough wisdom in the councils of Tokyo to disobey Hitler's order for national suicide."



HOMEWARD FLIGHT—Flight of training planes, homeward bound, roars over tower of administration building at Randolph Field, Texas. Field is called "West Point of the Air." About 350 planes go aloft each day.

R.A.F. Continues Its "Blitz" On Rhodes

CAIRO, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. "blitz" on the Dodecanese island of Rhodes continued on Friday night, it was revealed to-day. Switching again from aerodrome targets, heavy bombers carried out a second attack on the harbour installations.

Bombs fell among the buildings at Lindos harbour and started a number of fires.

The "blitz" is now in its second week.

R.A.F. co-operation in the Greek offensive yesterday also included offensive patrols in the Troad area according to a communique issued here.

The South African Air Force, having gained virtual air supremacy over Italian Somaliland, continues to hammer away at the retreating enemy with remorseless energy. The aircraft which yesterday harried the Italians in the Jelib Omo River area also machine-gunned motor transport vehicles between captured Kismayu and the next big port of Mogadiscio, as well as a number of grounded Italian aircraft.

These attacks followed the equally successful operation during Friday. A tale of punishment of the Italians preceding the capture of Asmara and Kismayu is made the feature of another special communique issued here to-day. British ground troops facing the enemy at Asmara and Baradera and near Kismayu were greatly heartened by South African Air Force. The accuracy of the bombing and machine-gunning was confirmed by a subsequent inspection.

In Abyssinia yesterday, a large motor transport park at Dessie was successfully attacked from the air while the R.A.F. continued to attack enemy troop concentrations, motor transport and other military objectives.

Hangars and workshops at Mai Adaga were bombed and a number of fires and explosions were caused. Two aircraft were missing from yesterday's operations over Rhodes, Albania and Italian East Africa.

OLD WORLD HAS GONE FOR EVER

Attlee's Speech

LONDON, Feb. 16 (British Wireless).—In the course of a speech at Tonypany to-day, Mr Clement Attlee stressed to his audience that there could be no return to the pre-war world and that a new world would have to be planned for. Despite all the destruction, British economic power remained and must be used on the right lines.

"I would stress the point," he continued, "that after this war has been successfully ended, our production power will be greater than ever, and it is upon the foundation of a properly planned and organised people that the future welfare of the world will rest."

Rebellion In Abyssinia

Latest Development

ABYSSINIAN newsboys armed with spears and rifles are now distributing free the first national Ethiopian newspaper printed in the country in five years.

The newspaper, entitled "Bardach" ("Our Flag"), is being published in Abyssinia's "Fleet Street," in the forests of the Gollam highlands. It is bordered by the Ethiopian colours, headed with an impression of the Lion of Judah.

During a forced trek through the bush, I caught up with a camp of English officers who were formerly an engineer. He gave me food and shoes and told me that his unit was an Ethiopian propaganda one, composed of strange camel trains that cross the lowlands to Gollam.

Jungle Press
His 60 camels carried a printing press, a complete newspaper staff, bundles of newsprint, boxes of Amharic type, some of which had been salvaged after the Abyssinian war, the Emperor's standard bearing the royal seal and Ethiopian coloured boxes of silver dollars.

For some time, pamphlets like those distributed by the R.A.F. have been dropped all over Abyssinia. Now this travelling newspaper has passed within a few miles of an enemy position to a spot in the forest where it is published weekly. Armed Abyssinian newsboys are distributing the newspaper among the Ethiopian forces, village populations living in caves and sometime almost within a stone's throw of the enemy's camps.

U.S. MARINES LEAVING SHAI

CHUNGKING, Feb. 17 (Central News).—The American Navy transport Chaumont is scheduled to sail from Chwangtao to Shanghai within this week to take 104 men of the U.S. Fourth Marines in Shanghai back to America, according to a Shanghai dispatch.

New Magistrates Take Seats

Macnamara & Anderson

Mr Henry Charles Macnamara and Mr Donald James Neville Anderson, well-known barristers in Hongkong, commenced duties as Magistrates at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, the former appearing in the First Court and the latter in the Second Court.

Mr Anderson took over from Mr E. Himsforth who, it is understood, has been transferred to another Government post. The position now held by Mr Macnamara was formerly occupied by Mr Q. A. A. Macfadyen who is at present in the Queen Mary Hospital recovering from an attack of malaria.

Mr Macnamara first arrived in Hongkong in June 1920 and was called to the Bar in 1932. Mr Anderson was educated at the Diocesan Boys' School and graduated from the Hongkong University and was admitted to practice in 1936.

Cricket Match Off

It is announced that owing to the ground being unfit, the cricket match between the Hongkong Cricket Club and the Volunteers to-day, has been cancelled.

Situation is Grave: No Cause for Alarm

SYDNEY, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—"Although the situation is grave, I see nothing that need alarm or even seriously disturb a resolute people."

This statement was made in a broadcast by the Attorney General and Navy Minister, Mr W. M. Hughes, to-day.

Mr Hughes said that the joint statement by the Acting Prime Minister and the Opposition Leader last week seriously disturbed the Australian people and may even have made them "a little nervous." Mr Hughes added: "This will pass."

Japanese Declaration
TOKYO, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—Japan's advance to the south has been spurred on by the British and American policy of aiding the Chungking regime and antagonising Japan, declares the newspaper, "Nichi Nichi Shimbun." It continues: "Britain and Aus-

Evacuation Advice
It declares that rumours that conditions in the Far East are assuming serious proportions are only statistical British propaganda and it describes the United States Government's advice to American residents to evacuate the Far East as one of the causes of "such wild and groundless rumours."

The newspaper concludes: "So long as America hinders Japan's advance to the south, she is destined to encounter Japan's stout opposition."



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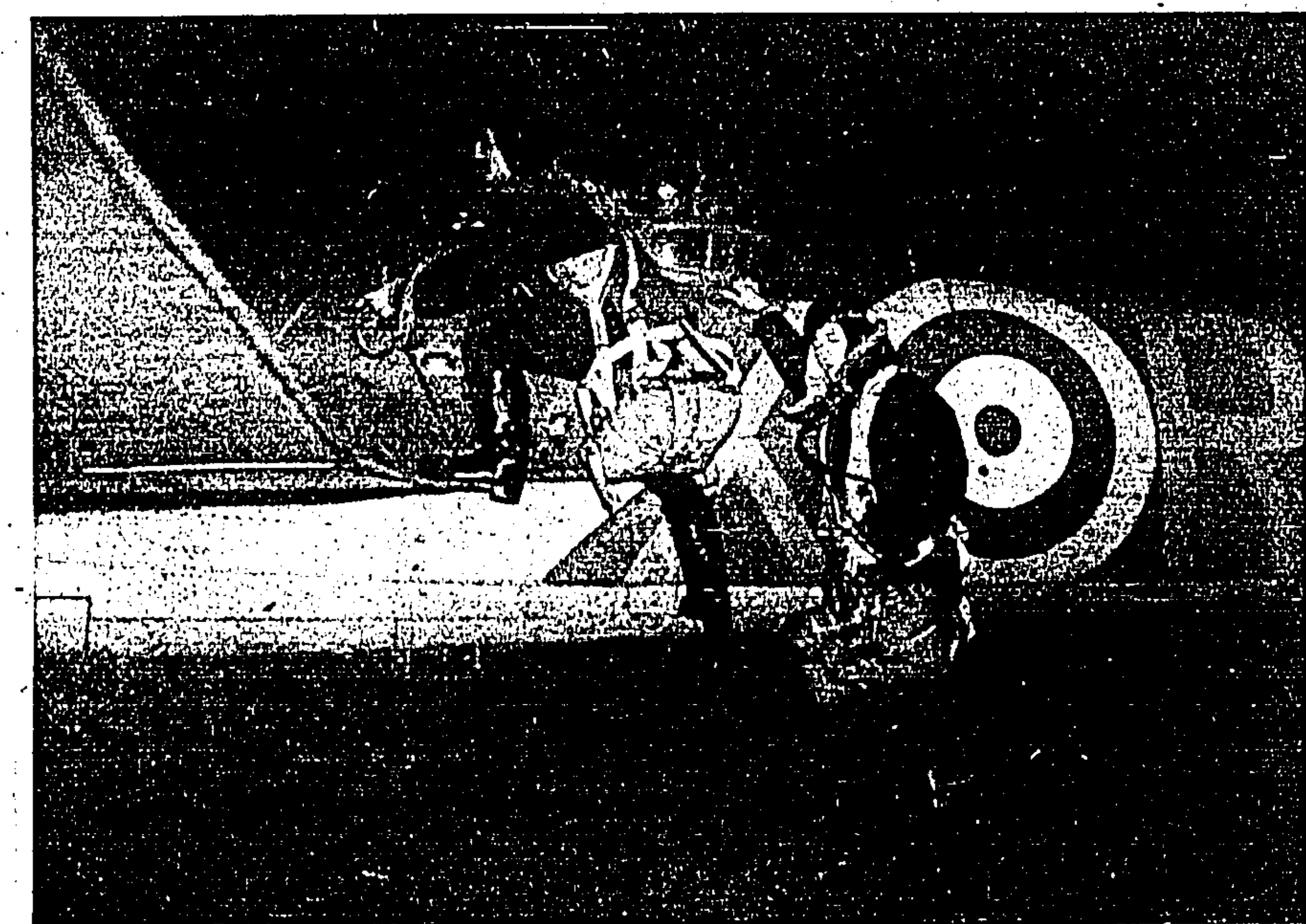


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U. S. Italian Anti-Fascists Demonstrate

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (Reuter).—Two thousand Italians and Italo-Americans—eighty per cent. of them men—attended a big anti-Fascist meeting organized by the Mazzini Society at the Cooper Union Hall.

Professor Salvemini, after paying tribute to President Roosevelt, said, "If Hitler wins, Italy becomes the biggest German colony. The Italian people have not been defeated. The King of Italy, Mussolini, the last two Popes and the Cardinals have been defeated. The Italians refuse to fight a dishonest war."

Max Ascoli, President of the Society, said that the freedom and unity won by Italy had been taken away from her people who had been fooled by Fascism. Ascoli added, "Now is the time for Italians throughout America to aid the Anglo-Saxon ideal. It is up to those who have Anglo-Saxon liberty to teach the Italians of Italy what freedom really is."

EAST AFRICA

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The natives complained of bad treatment, such as the forcible removal of their wives, children and stock by the Italians.

Springboks Take The Air
CAIRO, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The activities of the South African Air Force during the week-end included the bombing of a pontoon bridge between Gubben in Italian Somaliland and Jumbo, hitting several pontons and causing part of the bridge to sink.

Wire entanglements were also bombed and a block-house was destroyed.

R.A.F. Bomb Effectively
ATHENS, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—Further heavy raids on enemy positions in the area to the north of Kifissia were made by R.A.F. bombers to-day in spite of unfavourable weather. Military camps, supply dumps and gun emplacements were effectively bombed.

Hurricane Derails Electric Train

MADRID, Feb. 16 (UP).—It is estimated that 150 persons were killed or injured when a wind of hurricane proportions derailed an electric train between Bilbao and San Sebastian.

Sixteen bodies have been recovered and 120 sent to hospital. The accident climaxed two days of gales over a wide area of Spain.

PRO-NANKING MAN SHOT S'hai Terrorism

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, Feb. 17 (UP).—A would-be assassin seriously wounded Mr. Tuan Bie-shun, a pro-Nanking official of the "Morality Relief Association" outside a French Concession tea shop at 9.40 p.m. yesterday.

One shot entered Tuan's head and is expected to be fatal. The gunman opened fire in the view of many customers and pedestrians on the street. He escaped by mingling with the crowd which gathered immediately. A police riot squad turned out and cordoned off the area but there were no arrests.

Meanwhile the police are investigating the disappearance of a local taxi which was commandeered by six Chinese at 1.30 p.m. on what the local press called a "mystery mission."

Attempted Bribe Fails

Tried To Help Friend

At Kowloon Magistracy to-day, Mr. M. A. da Silva pleaded guilty on behalf of Lau Hon, a 26-year-old office boy, to a charge of offering a bribe to Yuet Chin, FCC066, with a view to influence his conduct as a public servant.

Lau appeared before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson.

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Det. Sergeant Bethell said that he believed that the man who was in the custody of the constable had actually asked the defendant to give the \$1. Although the defendant was on bail of \$50, a small fine or a bond would meet the case.

Defendant was bound over in \$10 for 12 months and Mr. Anderson ordered that the \$1 concerned be placed in the Poor Box.

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To-day's Racing Carnival

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3-12.30 P.M. — AUSTRAL VALLEY STAKES.—For Australian ponies. Grifflins of this meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. One mile.
Li To-chun's A Happy Time 152 lb. (H. J. Holden) 1
Eu Tong-sen's Fleetwing 152 lb. (W. C. Poy) 2
Gredmaka's Colooma 152 lb. (D. Black) 3

11 starters.
Won by five lengths; short head.
Time—1:21.3.
Parimutuel.—Winner \$13.70. Places \$6.50; \$9.30; \$6.00.

4-1.00 P.M. — SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES.—(Second Section).—For Australian ponies of 1941. Weight for inches as per scale. Six furlongs.
C.W.K.'s Amulet Star 152 lb. (D. H. F. Craven) 1
C.H.'s Black Seal 152 lb. (L. B. Chao) 2
Toots A Surprising Time 152 lb. (H. J. Holden) 3

10 starters.
Won by a neck; short head.
Time—1:29.4.
Parimutuel.—Winner \$84.00. Places \$11.00; \$6.30; \$7.50.

5-1.30 P.M. — MAIDEN STAKES.—For Chinese ride Grifflins of this meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Six furlongs.
Cire's Starlight 152 lb. (S. Noodt) 1
Marbler's Falber 152 lb. (Chao) 2
Won by three lengths; five lengths.
Time—1:23.3.
Parimutuel.—Winner \$24.00. Places \$5.70; \$5.30; \$5.00.

6-3.00 P.M. — AUSTRAL MAIDEN STAKES.—For Australian ponies. Grifflins of this meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Six furlongs.
Lee Bros' Vis Major 152 lb. (H. C. Pih) 1
Cire's Starlight 152 lb. (C. B. Moller) 2

11 starters.
Won by three lengths; five lengths.
Time—1:29.4.
Parimutuel.—Winner \$7.00. Places \$3.00; \$3.00; \$3.10.

7-3.30 P.M. — CORAL HANDICAP.—For Australian ponies of previous seasons. Weight for inches as per scale. One mile.
Mrs. Gracett's Sapper 152 lb. (W. H. S. Davis) 1
Vital's Victory 152 lb. (D. Black) 2
Lan's Far View 152 lb. (H. C. Pih) 3

Nine starters.
Won by five lengths; 2 1/2 lengths.
Time—1:42.2.
Parimutuel.—Winner \$8.10. Places \$3.50; \$3.20; \$3.50.

8-4.00 P.M. — AUSTRAL TRIAL PLATE.—For Australian ponies. Grifflins of this meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. One and a quarter miles.
P. & L.'s First Love 152 lb. (S. C. Liang) 1
Lan's Prairie View 152 lb. (H. C. Pih) 2
Pearatur's Marsh Warbler 152 lb. (D. Black) 3

Seven starters.
Won by three lengths; short head.
Time—1:16.4.
Parimutuel.—Winner \$32.60. Places \$7.10; \$6.00; \$5.70.

9-4.30 P.M. — SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES.—(Third Section).—For Australian ponies of 1941. Weight for inches as per scale. Six furlongs.
Young Bros' National Welfare 152 lb. (B. L. Tao) 1
Lee Chi Chien's Happy Returns 149 lb. (P. Y. T. Wei) 2
S.S.'s Vitamin M 152 lb. (D. Black) 3

Seventeen entries.
Won by 2 heads; the same.
Time—1:19.4.
Parimutuel.—Winner \$51.00. Places \$11; \$24; \$9.30.

10-5.00 P.M. — TRIAL PLATE.—For Chinese ponies. Grifflins of this meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. One and a quarter miles.
Cire's Velvet Light 152 lb. (C. B. Moller) 1
Eve's Eve of Deception 152 lb. (D. Black) 2
Manetta's Raconteur 152 lb. (P. Y. T. Wei) 3

Four starters.
Won by three lengths; many lengths.
Time—2:41.
Parimutuel.—Winner \$9. Places \$7; \$22.

U. S. ARMY EXPANSION

—3,000,000

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (Domei).—Military authorities disclosed that the Army Department has started a survey with a view to expanding the Army to more than three million men in case of emergency.

Sites for additional camps and cantonments are being surveyed all over the country. Thus an army of 1,416,000 men contemplated by June could quickly be doubled in size if such a step was necessary.

JAPANESE ENVOY SEES IL DUCE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Feb. 16 (Domei).—An exchange of information regarding the Far Eastern and European situations was made between Mussolini and the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Zenshei Horiuchi, during their 20-minute interview at the Venezia Palace yesterday.

Measures to effect closer co-operation between Japan, Germany and Italy were discussed. The Japanese Ambassador was accompanied by Mr. Yoshinaga Ando, Counsellor of the Japanese Embassy.

Ex-King Alfonso's Condition

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—A bulletin issued in Rome this evening states that ex-King Alfonso's condition has not worsened during the past 24 hours and that he has passed a fairly quiet day.

Mr. A. K. Thomson of the Public Works Department reports that 2,000 lbs. of scrap iron, value \$300, were stolen from the Water Works Department Stores in Shanghai Street on February 15.

LATE NEWS

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Britons Stay Despite Evacuation Notices

YOKOHAMA, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—Despite the evacuation advice, local Britons and Americans, numbering over 1,000, show no signs of leaving Japan, states the daily, "Hochi."

It is understood that Britons and Americans who have already returned home since September totalled only 140.

Foreign companies are said to be carrying on as usual.

Shanghai Notice

SHANGHAI, Feb. 17 (Reuter).—The British Embassy has issued notices to-day renewing the advice of last October to Britons to evacuate occupied China.

The following is the text of the press release issued by the Embassy: "It will be recalled that in October last, the British authorities advised enquirers that any British subjects who had no good reason for remaining should consider the advisability of leaving occupied China. This advice still holds good.

"The decision whether to leave or remain and any consequent arrangements, must be made individually according to personal circumstances. In coming to a decision, however, it must be realised that it will almost certainly be impossible to provide special facilities for departure at short notice. It should also be borne in mind that Far Eastern shipping services are already seriously curtailed, that accommodation in ocean-

Britain Free FROM RAIDERS

LONDON, Feb. 17 (Reuter).—There has been little enemy air activity over England since yesterday. Towards nightfall on Sunday a single enemy aircraft dropped a bomb on a north-east coast town where a few houses were damaged and a few casualties were caused. About the same time, bombs were dropped in East Anglia causing neither damage nor casualties. The Air Ministry states there is nothing to report on the night.

Shanghai Market

CHUNGKING, Feb. 17 (Central News).—Many speculators of moderate means in Shanghai are reported to have gone bankrupt as a result of the sharp fall of stocks due to Far Eastern tension. Losses incurred by the fall on February 14 alone are roughly estimated at between CN \$28,000,000 and \$35,000,000.

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